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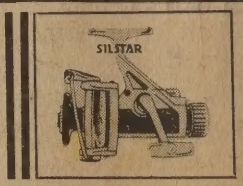

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Surf fishermen who ply their sport through the summer months can be well rewarded for their efforts. Richie Mermon took this nice striper from the banks of the State Boat Channel last summer. For more on the summer surf, see Bill Muller's article on page 38. Photo by Dick Mermon.

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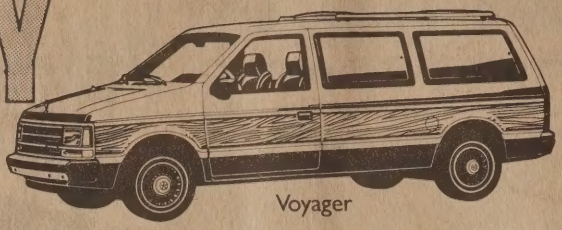

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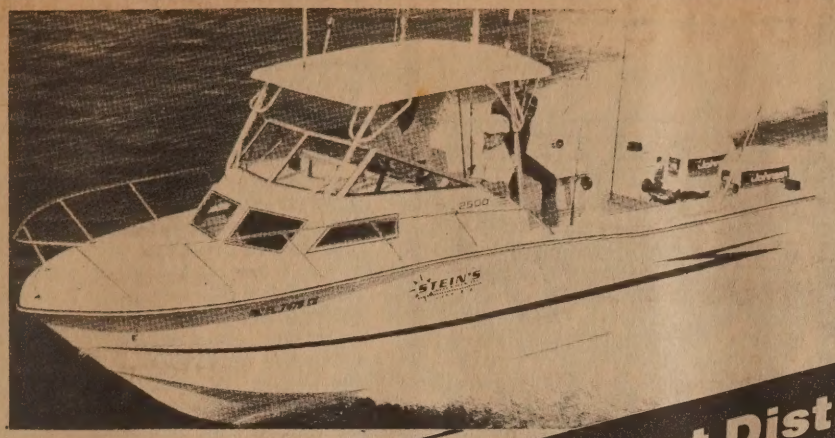

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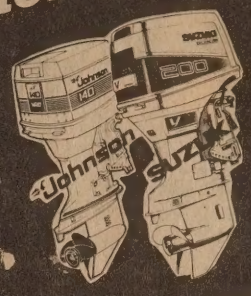

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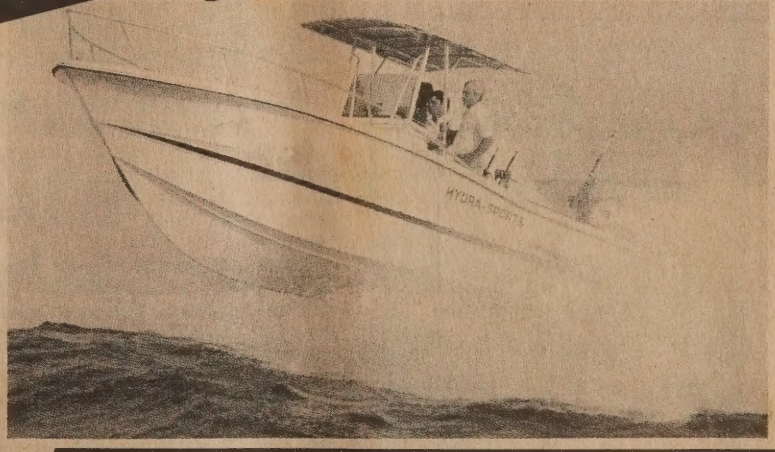

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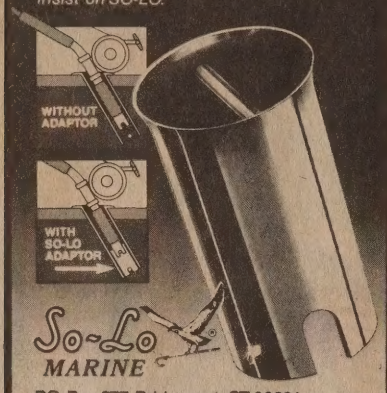

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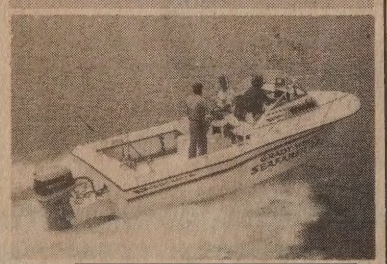

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The Shinnecock Marlin & Tuna Club, Inc. held its 27th Annual Billfish and Tuna Tournament from Sat. July 16th through Sat. July 23. Anglers were able to choose any three days during this time frame to fish. Thirty eight boats participated in the tournament, all sailing our of Shinnecock Inlet. Tuna (bluefin, big eye, yellowfin and tru albacore), blue and white marlin, and swordfish were eligible for prizes under a point system, with minimum weight for all fish. Unfornunatedly, very few fish, all of them tuna, were caught. No billfish were caught or even sighted. Only three fish were able to be weighed in due to minimum weight restrictions. First place was taken by a 150 lb., 9 oz. yellowfin tuna caught on the first day of the tournament on the "Capt. Liver" by angler Mary Ferrara. Capt. Bob Herman related that it grabbed a green machine as soon as he started to troll at the Fishtales. It was the only fish caught that day.

Second place went to Capt. Vince Forchelli for his 48 lb., 7 oz. yellowfin caught on "Dovin" on July 18th.

A 31 lb. albacore was big enough to take third place honors. The fish was caught on the last day of the tournament on "Capt. Liver." This time the angler was Brian, Capt. Herman's son. A green machine, trolled at the Dip did the trick.

MONSTER BLUE MARLIN AND TUNA TOURNAMENT

Big Blue Marlin have shown up early in Montauk this year, so the Fourth Annual Montauk Monster Marlin Tournament should prove to be more exciting than ever before.

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Registration will be on Friday, August 13th, 12 Noon through 6 PM at the Montauk Marine Basin, with a Captain's meeting and question period immediately following; 6 PM to 7 PM.

The entry fee is $800, $1800, and $3800, depending on the level of competition at entrant wants to compete in. The awards are cash prizes with categories for the largest blue marlin and big eye tuna in 2nd and 3rd place in each division of $1000 and $2000 for the three largest blue marline and big eye tuna.

Boats may leave the basin at 12:01 AM, Saturday, August 13th and must return by 5:00 PM, Sunday, August 14th. (Boats may elect to stay out overnight if they wish but are also welcome to come in after a day of fishing.)

All blue marlin caught must be weighed in on the same day. This is in the interest of conservation and fairness. This is a largest fish contest so numbers of fish, or accumulative poundage does not count, so only a few big fish will be brought in. After the first day everyone will have an idea of what size fish it will take to get into the money... thus releasing fish that will not qualify for awards. It is the boat's responsibility for preserving their catch. Rotten fish will be disqualified, so it is in everybody's best interest to bring their catch in as soon as possible for qualifying on Sunday, August 14th at 5 PM. There will be an awards banquet with disbursement of winning checks.

ITHACA, NY ANGLER WINS 1000 ISLANDS TOURNAMENT

Shorty Vaow of Ithaca, NY, took top honors at the Bassing America Grand National tournament held at 1000 Islands on Sunday, July 17th. Vaow's winning catch totalled 18 pounds, 12 ounces.

Walter Galaska of Chickopee, MA, placed second with a weight of 15 pounds, 10 ounces. Thrid place was claimed by Dav DeRemer of Watertown, NY, with 14 pounds, 15 ounces. Rich Davisson of Long Valley, NJ, took fourth with his catch of 14 pounds, 6 ounces. In fifth place was Bob Poastick of Wesport, MA, with 14 pounds even,

Big bass honors was shared by Walter Galaska and Jeff Meyer, Newburg, NY. Both anglers weighed-in a 5 pound, 7 ounce bass.

There were 216 bass caught for a weight of 440 pounds, 11 ounces.

The next tournament in the Northeast region will be the two-day Double Point tournament held on Cayuga Lake on August 6th and 7th. Registration will be Friday, August 5th at Pirates Cove between the hours of 4:00 and 6:30 pm.

The Grand National Tournament Circuit is sponsored by Yamaha ouboards, Ranger boats and RangerTrail trailers, Stren and Prime power lines, Humminbird depth sounders, MorotGuiede trolling motors and Mann's bait. For more information on the tournament circuit write or call: Bassing America, Grand National Tournament Circuit, 4660 Sunbelt Dr., Dallas, TX 75248, 214-380-2656.

MRAA: BOATERS OPPOSE LICENSING

Contrary to a report earlier this year, "a vast majority" of boaters across the U.S. do not favor licensing and mandatory education, according to the Marine Retailers Association of America.

"A survey we have just completed indicates that a vast majority of boaters agree with MRAA that licensing and mandatory education will do little or nothing to reduce boating mishaps," said Larry Russo of Russo's Marine Mart, Medford, MRAA President.

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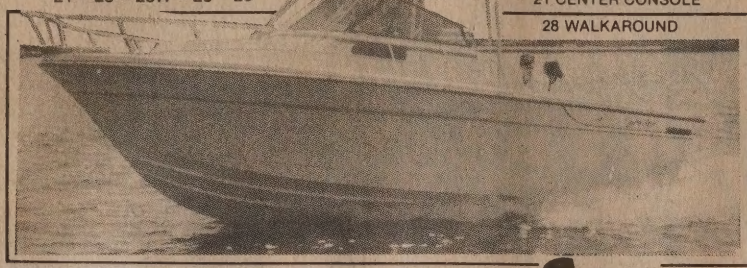
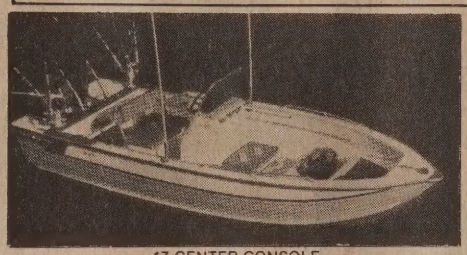
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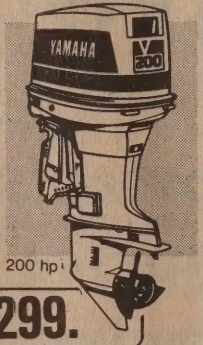

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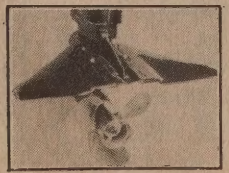
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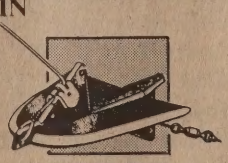
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MRAA asked its member dealers to ask the opinions of their customers after members of Boat/US were cited in widespread press accounts as favoring both licensing and mandatory education, Russo said.

"I don't know who these people talk to, or what their motives might be," Russo said. "But I think our random survey proves quite conclusively that boaters do not support any measure that will needlessly detract from the fun and freedom of boating."

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle wishes to congratulate the following raffle winners of their Father's Day promotion: Mike Seibert, Ranger Wader Bag; Jack Conklin, Blazer Surf Bag; Pete Lombardi, Offshore Daisy Chain Lure; Mary Panzarella, Shakespeare Rod; and Mike Kowalski, tackle box.

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State Senator Owen H. Johnson (4th S.D., Babylon), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District, has announced the availability of a brochure: "Tips for Safe Boating: Alcohol and Water Safety." Produced by the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation, the brochure describes the effects of alcohol on a boater's balance, vision and ability to safely operate a vessel. It also provides tips for safe boating.

To obtain a copy, call or visit Senator Johnson's District Office, 23-24 Argyle Square, Babylon, 669-9200.

ATTENTION: LICENSED CAPTAINS

Captain Irv Levine, Modern Mariners Training Services, Oakdale, Long Island, will be giving several refresher courses this winter on the Rules of the Road. This will include maneuvering, day shapes, fog signals, night lights, etc. Seating capacity will be limited to 20 captains per seminar. What's the gimmick? There is none! There will be absolutely no charge for this service. This is my way of thanking all of the charter boat captains for their past support. The captains who wish to attend these seminars do not have to be former students of Captain Irv's. However, to ensure that there is room for all, seating will be by reservation.

NORTH SHORE ANGLERS BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

The North Shore Anglers Fishing Club, Incorporated's ninth Annual Bluefish Tournament will be held on the weekend of August 12th to 14th. Entry forms may be obtained at this time from the following locations: Caraftis Fishing Station, Port Jefferson; Ralph's Fishing Station, Mount Sinai; Four Winds Bait and Tackle, Huntington Station; Pine Grove Out-

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If you have any questions, call 928-4389.

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The Jones Beach Power Squadron will hold registration for their next Public Boating Course on Monday, September 19th at the Seaford Junior High School between the hours of 7PM to 9PM. The school is located on Washington Avenue in Seaford just north of the Sunrise Highway.

The first class will start on Wednesday, September 28th, 7:30PM at the Seaford Junior High School.

The course will consist of piloting, boat handling, marlinspike, equipment, regulations and safe operation, aids to navigation, weather and other related subjects.

All instruction is free, however, there is a nominal charge to cover course materials including a 150 page student text/workbook, chart and other materials.

This course is the best way to learn safe boating from highly experienced instructors and is offered to adults as well as teenagers. In fact, bring the whole family.

SURF FISHERMAN NEEDS HELP

If anyone out ther has any information regarding a well stocked surf bag found at either Cedar Beach or on the Jones Beach Piers on Tuesday night, July 12, they could make Mike Tacchi a very happy man. Mike lost the bag while making his rounds that night and could really use it back. If you can help, give him a call at: 516-328-3246.

TO ALL FISHING CLUBS

We the members of the Hampton Surf Club have sent a $100 donation to the Fisherman's Defense Fund (189 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, NY 11542). We ask that your club do the same. If we all don't stand up and show our support, how can we expect others too. If the Fisherman's Defense Fund fails in it's effort, Who is next? We need to ban together. Your support is vital.

NYS BOATING SAFETY COURSE FOR YOUNGSTERS

Steins Boat Sales, located in Sayville, will be offering a free Boating Safety Course for youngsters ages 10 to 16 years old interested in obtaining a N.Y.S. Boating Certificate.

Sponsored by Flotilla 1-7, the course will be held every Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 7-9 PM. Charles Baack, Division Staff Officer for Career Candidates and qualified Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructor, will be giving the course.

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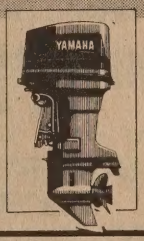

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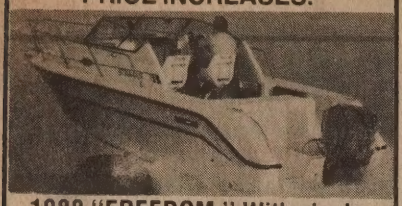

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New Products

KOHLER INTRODUCES COMPLETE LINE OF GASOLINE POWERED MARINE GENERATORS

Kohler Co., a long time leader in the production of marine generators underscore Kohler's continuing commitment to the marine industry, according to George Tiedens, Group Vice President, Power Systems.

"The new models are intended to meet the needs of today's boat manufacturers and they represent a significant capital investment and a substantial research and development effort for Kohler," he said.

The four models, rated at 4 kW, 6.5 kW, 9 kW and 12 kW, have been sized to meet a wide range of shipboard power requirements.

The 4 kW Model 4CZ, Kohler's smallest gasoline fueled marine generator, has a two cylinder, four cycle gasoline engine that operates at 3600 RPM. This compact model weighs 180 lbs. and is 27.4" long, 17.5" wide and 16.7 inches high.

The Model 6.5CZ is powered by a strong two cylinder, 4 cycle overhead cam engine. The 6.5 CZ comes with a sound deadening shield as standard equipment, thereby providing all the benefits of a compact lightweight engine without the usual accompanying noise. Weighing in at only 218 lbs. and measuring 29.5" long, 19" wide and 17.5" high, including sould shield, this generator package sets a new standard for electric output for its weight and size.

The 4CZ and the 6.5CZ require only 4.62 and 5.67 cubic feet, respectively, of installation space and record the lowest height and weight in their size range. Both engines have breakerless ignitions for reduced maintenance, and convenient, single side serviceability for the fuel system, oil check and oil fill. A sound shield is optional on the Model 4CZ.

The 4CZ and 6.5CZ have capacitor excited brushless generators for increased reliability and less maintenance. In addition, both generators have circuit breakers that protect the generator from overload.

Model 9C features a four cylinder, four cycle engine that operates at 1800 RPM. The generator produces a powerful 9 kW, and has 120/240 volt capability or may be reconnected to 120 volt. The 9C measures 33.8" long, 17.9" wide, and 23.9" high, and weighs 450 lbs.

The model 12C, Kohler's most powerful gasoline fueled marine generator, has a four cylinder, four cycle engine that operates at 1800 RPM. At 470 lbs., 12C measures 35.8" long, 17.9" wide, and 25" high.

Both the new 9 kW and 12 kW marine models are designed to power a full complement of marine equipment and shipboard air systems. Both engines have a cross flow combustion chamber for improved fuel economy. Both feature convenient single side serviceability for the fuel system, oil check, oil fill, and oil filter. Each has starter protection to ensure the starter cannot be engaged when the generator is operating.

With the Powerboost excitation system, the 9C and 12C have superior motor starting that has been proven through the years of production. The relay controller has L.E.D.'s to simplify troubleshooting and a running hourmeter for scheduling routine maintenance.

All four models meet Coast Guard safety standards for electrical systems and gasoline fuel systems (33CFR183). All have engine self-protection features that include cutouts for low oil pressure, high water temperature, and high exhaust temperature.

Each generator has a closed water cooling system that includes a heat exchanger, and a relay controller for electronic starting by means of an optional remote start switch or by a start/stop switch located on the controller.

The Kohler Co. also offers a full line of diesel powered marine generators from 4 to 32 kW, and a 7.5 kW gasoline powered model.

FIRST AFFORDABLE GPS NAVIGATION PRODUCT INTRODUCED TO THE MARINE MARKET

The first hand held, affordable, global positioning system (GPS) navigation device has been developed for the marine market by Magellan Systems Corporation, a southern California based manufacturer of navigation products that use GPS.

The Magellan GPS NAV 1000 is the first GPS navigation device priced under $3,000, making the accuracy of GPS available to a large commercial and recreational boating community.

Magellan will introduce the product at the International Marine Trade Exhibition Conference (IMTEC), September 29 through October 2 in Chicago and at Fish Expo, October 12 - 15 in Boston.

"The Magellan GPS NAV 1000 will revolutionize marine navigation as we know it," said Randy D. Hoffman, president and chief executive officer of Magellan Systems Corporation. "It combines the previously unavailable benefits of portability and economy of size and power with affordability. It has no rival."

Measuring 8.75" X 3.5" X 2.25", the Magellan GPS NAV 1000 weighs only 1.5 lbs. and can be used by boaters as a portable unit or in a permanent mount configuration.

In its portable state, the product's PowerSaver design allows it to be hand carried to and used on a boat's deck or flybridge, a friend's boat, a chartered boat while on vacation, or a lifeboat during an emergency. In portable operation, the unit is powered by six AA alkaline batteries.

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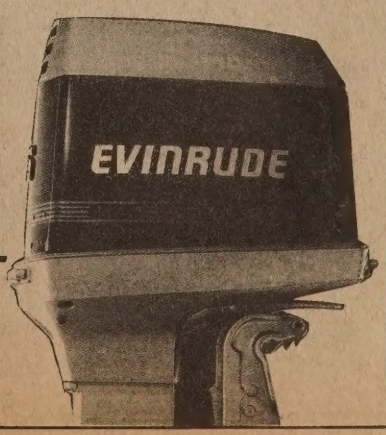

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The result of extensive market research and testing, the Magellan GPS NAV 1000 uses the global positioning system to determine location. GPS is a U.S. Government sponsored satellite system designed to provide navigation information for civilian and military use.

The satellites that comprise the GPS constellation transmit time and position signals to GPS receivers, which then process this information into a position fix.

The revolutionary Magellan GPS NAV 1000 uses it Fastfind satellite selection algorithm to quickly locate three GPS satellites. It then "reads" signals to solve for position. After receiving the position and time information from each satellite, the Magellan unit rapidly solves a series of complex mathematical equations that incorporate satellite positions, signal times, the speed of light, the "Doppler effect" and other variables.

To convert the GPS satellite information into a position fix requires the computing power and speed similar to that of an IBM-PC computer. Computer engineering experts at Magellan Systems Corporation have developed and incorporated specially designed gallium arsenide and silicon integrated circuites, enabling the Magellan unit to perform the complex processing functions while remaining portable, energy efficient and affordable.

"Magellan Systems Corporation has achieved a technological breakthrough which enables us to provide navigators with the benefits of GPS in the palms of their hands," said Mr. Hoffman.

Developed with the guidance of navigation experts and serious recreational boat owners, the Magellan GPS NAV 1000 is also waterproof, non corrosive, buoyant and constructed of a durable, high impact resistant compound.

Other features of the Magellan GPS NAV 1000 include:

- Basic position display of latitude and longitude
- Computes course over ground, speed over ground, time to go (TTG), estimated time of arrival (ETA), velocity made good (VMG) and distance made good (DMG)
- Permanently stores up to fifty waypoints; provides range and bearing to any destination
- Automatically saves five recent positions
- Automatically adjusts to usgrades in GPS constellation
- One year warranty

Accessories include a permanent mount kit, exterior antenna and 50 feet of cable for wheelhouse adaptions.

Based in West Covina, California, Magellan Systems Corporation develops navigation products that use the global positioning system.

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Cortland Line, specialist in fly fishing equipment, has introduced a complete new series of medium priced all graphite fly rods. Made in America, these new "Precision I" rods offer fishermen the perfect step-up in graphite performance.

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Every Cortland Precision I fly rod is individually registered to the owner and carries a Lifetime Warranty. With suggested retail prices from $84.95 to $99.95, these new rods are available exclusively through Cortland's network of Certified Fishing Pro Shops.

For more information and a free catalog showing the complete range of Cortland fishing tackle contact: Cortland Line Co., Inc., P.O. Box 5588, Cortland, NY 13045. Phone: 607-756-2851.

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A bright Lectric Shad label will identify the new Rat-L-Trap series, but packaging will remain the same for easy identity and handling.

For more information,contact: Ken Chaumont, P.O. Box 4062, Alexandria, Louisiana 71301, (318) 487-0352.

MARINER INTRODUCES NEW DIRECT DRIVE 24-VOLT ELECTRICS

Mariner Outboards recently introduced a new direct drive electric motor called Stalker, which can be run on either 24 or 12 volt systems. A direct drive unit translate into quiet electric motor operation.

Coupled with a Machete weedless prop, the new high thrust Stalker delivers efficient boat positioning power. The Stalker produces a maximum of 28 pounds of thrust on 24 volts. It can also be operated as a 12 volt model by flipping an easily accessible switch.

Both the remote control deck mount and the transom mount models have 360 degree steering and eight speed settings. The new 9¼ inch diameter weedless prop permits operation in even the thickest weed beds. The prop is available in clear Lexan as an accessory. Other product features include a permanent magnet Whisper Drive motor, stainless steel shaft, high-impact rubber prop hub on the weedless Machete propeller, fishline cutter, self-lubricating motor armature, low drag motor shape and easy height adjustments.

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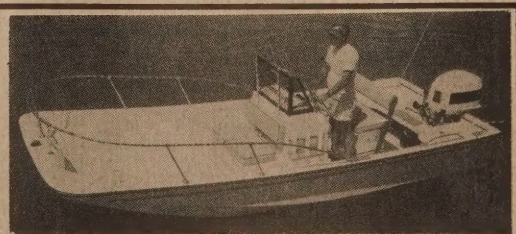

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Mariner Stalkers are sold exclusively through the Mariner Outboards dealer network.

For more information, contact: Public Relations Department, Mercury Marine, 1939 Pioneer Rd., Fond du Lac, WI 54935, (414) 929-5170.

MENGO INTRODUCES UNIVERSAL ROD HOLDERS

A universal rod holder, that fits square and round rails and stanchions of various sizes, is being marketed by Mengo Industries, Inc., of Kenosha, WI, manufacturer of Dotline fishing products.

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For more information, contact: Havranek Advertising Associates, Old Market Square Mall, 8600 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha, WI 53140.

NEW SEA MAG SALTWATER RODS FROM BROWNING

The serious saltwater sportsman can now choose from a complete line of high quality rods from Browning with action designed to meet all types of saltwater applications. Browning's new Sea Mag saltwater rods have only the finest materials and components to meet the demands of saltwater fishing.

Browning's new Sea Mag saltwater rods feature "E" glass, an epoxy impregnated fiberglass with 20% more strength than phenolic impregnated glass used in most fiberglass rods. The "E" moduelus fiberglass is the most durable of all rod materials produced enabling Sea Mags to stand up to the rigors of fighting with the larger saltwater species.

All rod guides on Sea Mags are fully underwrapped for maximum strength. The double-bridged ceramic guides feature aluminum oxide rings for long line life and less friction. Stand up rods have roller guides and a gimble for a fighting belt.

Other features are EVA foam grips to give secure grip and longer wearing life. All reel seat components are aluminum or stainless steel for corrosion resistance. A

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STARCRAFT BLUEWATERS: OFFSHORE CENTER CONSOLES

Starcraft introduces the Bluewater series: Three rugged fiberglass center consoles with a modified vee-bottom design to give a smooth ride in rough seas.

Designed for Starcraft by Marine Concepts, Inc., of Cape Coral, FL, this series comes in three trailerable models: the Bluewater 180 (center length 18 feet, with 8 foot beam); Bluewater 210 (21 feet, 8½ foot beam); Bluewater 240 (23¾ feet, 9 foot beam).

Company officials anticipate the Bluewater series will attract a lot of attention because of its numerous standard features, rugged construction and very competitive pricing.

Features: Standard features include two aerated baitwells/livewell, large fish boxes, a specially designed chart tube, was down pump, large fuel capacity and much more.

The center console features tackle trays and a heavy Plex windshield with stainless steel grab rail, large lockable electronic storage and instrumentation.

Other features include storage for 16 rods, twin outboard capability (on the 210 and 240) and bow pulpit with anchor rollers and line locker.

The full fiberglass innerliner is self bailing. All three models have large storage compartments to handle all of a fisherman's gear.

Construction: The Bluewater is built to stand up to the worst conditions and bring you back safely. The fiberglass hull, fiberglass stringer system and self-bailing innerliner are all bonded and foamed to give structural strength not found in most center consoles.

Price: Price comparison is another attractive feature of the Bluewater. According to Jim Woodward, Vice President of sales and marketing, "Bluewater compares favorably with all other top quality fiberglass center consoles on the market. It's as good as the best with a better price."

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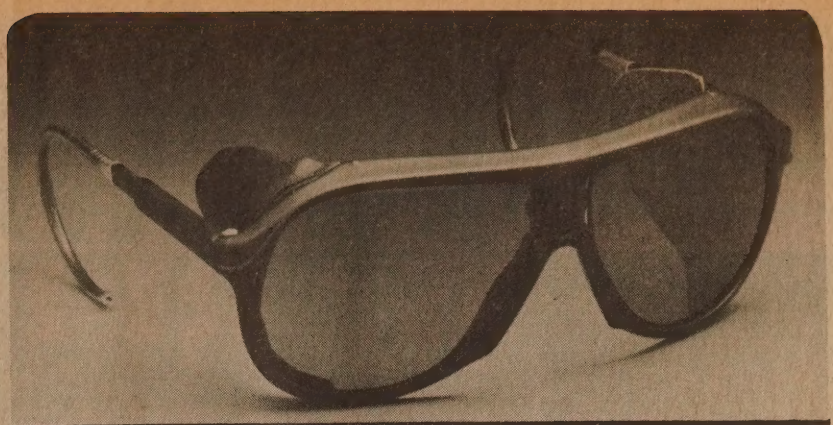

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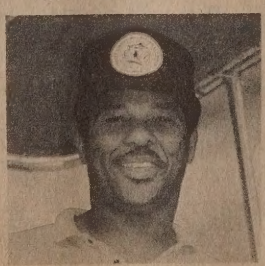

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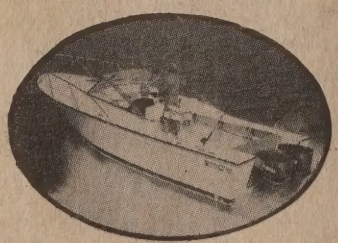

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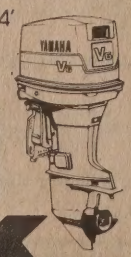

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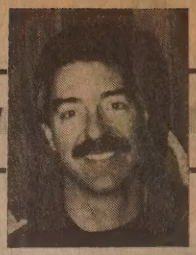

By John N. Raguso

SSI COOLERS

My first introduction to the SSI family of coolers came back in 1986, at the New York Boat Show. One of my fishing buddies, Mike Clancy, had just purchased a 29' Topaz, and had asked me to help him figure out what was the best cooler/fish box on the market for his new bluewater chariot. His specifications required that the finalist perform a dual function, not only keeping the day's catch iced down, but also doubling as a sturdy seat when drifting/chunking offshore or telling fish stories back at dockside. it was his opinion that the largest Igloo (151 at.) and Gott (172 qt.) portable ice chests available at that time were inappropriate, since he planned to do a lot of Canyon fishing, and their capacity would only hold a pair of 75 lb. yellowfin tuna at best. Since Mike and his polished crew were going to decimate the tuna stocks single handedly, he needed something bigger. The roll-up insulated neoprene fishbags were also eliminated from consideration since they couldn't double as seats, so what were we to do?

Enter the SSI product line as a viable solution. We had both heard about this sailboat company that was dominciled "down in Maryland somewhere" that manufactured a rugged, semi-portable, high capacity fishbox that was a procven mainstay with the bluewater circuit. Cruising into the Sea Isle booth at the Show, we approached J.R. Feuring and inquired aboiut this elusive panecea to our fish storage problem. Nodding his head in understanding, he led us over to a secluded corner of the booth where we gazed on this wonderbox up close for the first time.

The initial impression one gets when seeing the SSI coolers up close, is that they definitely qualify as "commercial grade" gear. Their general construction, weight, design, thickness of poylurethane foam insulation, and hevy duty hardware all give you the impression that this fishbox would be more at home on a commercial longliner than nestled on your family fisherman.

Sailing Specialties, Inc. calls their trio of coolers "The ultimate chill," and according to their ltest catalog describe them as "The world's biggest and best insulated coolers. Because of superior consstruction and heavy thickness of foamed polyurethane insulation, they hold more and keep it cold longer."

Well, that's a fairly interesting autobio-

graphy, even if they say so themselves, but I'll tell you what... after putting Mike's SSI through the wringer for the past 2½ seasons of hard fishing, their claim holds a lot of water. Let's take a closer look at these triplets and see why.

All three ice chest feature a heavy ABS molded liner; you know, the same kind of durable plastic interior found in your refrigerator or freezer at home. This molded liner is thicker than the norm found on most competitive fishboxes, designed to withstand rugged use, like icing down large, threashing pelagics. The exterior of all SSI coolers is made from UV-resistant Rovel-a capped white ABS plastic designed to withstand continuous outdoor exposure to direct sunlight, with no loss of strength. Teak handles attached to flexible nylon rope connectors, enable a pair of beefy crew members to transport even a fishbox loaded down with a full day's catch, along with the cooling icy brine. Stainless steel piano-type hinges combined with lockable chrome-plated brass hasps guarantee that these coolers will keep their lids on tight, even when a frisky 100 lb. yellowfin tuna is trying to beat off the top lid with his frenetic tailfin. Each cooler also features a lid restrainer to prevent the top section from flying away unrestrained, a drain plug to make clean-up a simple chore, and a heavy plastic baffle to enable you to compartmentalize the interior to whatever layout you think is most efficient for the job. The super insulated, strong and durable lids will endure a battery of jumping and/or standing test that your little munchkins might dream up, and the top section's length can comfortably seat three adults with no problems.

The "Big" model SSI cooler, the most recent addition to the lineup, is their model #10186. It measures 20" high x 20.5" wide x 48.5" long; with a 186 quart/6.2 cubic foot capacity, and 1.5" of polyurethane foam insulation in the sides. Next up, is the "Super Insulated" model #10225, which measures 20" high x 25" wide x 61.6" long; featuring 3" of foam insulation, a 225 quart/7.5 cubic foot capacity, plus a special lid gasket to keep the cold in. The third of the group is their "Huge" model #10320, whose exterior specs also measure 20" high x 25" wide x 61.5" long, but with a 1.5" layer of polyurethane insulation sprayed into the sides. The thinner foam blanket in this unit ups the interanal carrying capacity of this cooler to 320 quarts/11 cubic feet, and this is probably the most popular model with the canyon clique. For those who must have the ultimate in cooling capacity, SSI now manufactures a 12-volt version of the larger sized box that features an internal Frigoboat Frigomatic system, combined with 3" of dense polyurethan insulation and a 5.5 cubic foot capacity, that draws only 5 amps when in use.

In retrospect, if you're in the market for a commercial duty fishbox that will stand up to the abuse of hard everyday use, can double as a comfortable bench seat, and will keep large pelagics as fresh as if they were just caught, your search may be over!

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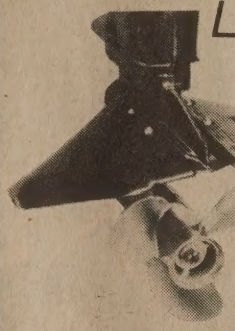

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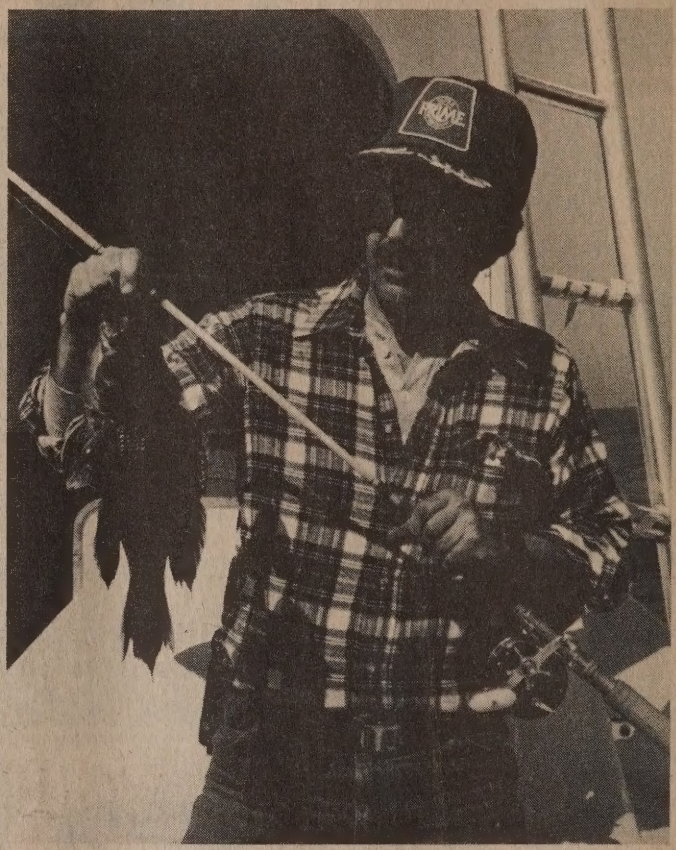

CAJUN SEAFOOD DISHES
By Sal Agliano

The Cajun community in Southern Louisiana has been around since the Eighteenth Century when several thousand oppressed Acadians (French Canadians) refused allegiance to Great Britian and migrated South from the Northeast Atlantic to Louisiana.

Cajun customs and traditions have remained solidly intact for over two centuries. This is especially true in their hot and spicy approach to cooking. And inasmuch as there has been a recent interest in Cajun cooking, allow me to present three recipes representing the heart and soul of Cajun cuisine.

Blackened Fish

Traditionally this explosive dish is prepared with Southern species of fish such as redfish or snapper. A tasty variation, however, may be put together with several Northern species such as fluke, flounder, or sea bass.

4 fish fillets (about 4 oz. each)
1/2 tsp. onion powder
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. white pepper
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/8 tsp ea. thyme, sage, oregano
4 Tbl. margarine, melted
salt to taste

Combine the three peppers, spices, and salt in a small bowl. Heat ups a large cast iron fry pan over high heat until it begins to smoke. Brush the fillets on both sides with a thin smear of margarine. Coat thoroughly both sides of each fillet with the seasoning mixture. Place the fillets into the ungreased fry pan and cook over high heat for about 2 minutes or until the fish has blackened. Spread additional margarine over the uncooked side of each fillet, turn the fillets in the pan, and cook on the other side until blackened. Serve hot and sizzling!

Seafood Jambalaya

The term Jambalaya comes from the French word, jambon, which means ham. Although ham plays an important role in this classic Cajun dish, crabs and shrimp are noticeably present.

4 blue crabs, cleaned
1 lb. med. shrimp, shelled and deveined
2 cups cubed, cooked Virginia ham
5 qts. Crab Boil liquid (see recipe below)
5 Tbl. margarine
4 cloves garlic, crushed
1 lg. onion, minced
1 bell pepper, cored, seeded and diced
2 cups chopped celery
1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes
1 Tbl. tomato past
1 tsp. Worchestershire Sauce

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1 Tbl. (or to taste) Tabasco
salt to taste
2 cups raw long grain rice

Heat the Crab Boil liquid in a very large pot. Split the crab bodies in half and detach the claws. Add the crab pieces to the pot. After 10 minutes simmering, add the shrimp and continue to simmer 5 minutes longer. Drain the crab pieces and shrimp, reserving 4 cups of Crab Boil liquid to be used later.

Heat the margarine in a large saucepan. Saute the garlic, onion, pepper, and celery until limp. Add the crushed tomatoes, tomato paste, Worchestershire Sauce, Tabsco, and salt. Simmer gently for 30 minutes, stirring frequently. While sauce is cooking, combine in a medium size saucepan the rice and 4 cups of reserved Crab Boil liquid. Cook, covered, over medium heat for about 15 miuts or until rice is tender. Remove from heat and set aside, covered, until liquid has been absorbed by the rice.

Add the crab pieces, ham, and shrimp to the tomato sauce and simmer about 10 minutes longer. Stir in the rice and transfer to a large shallow serving bowl. Serve with crusty French bread.

Louisiana Crab Boil

This cajun outdoor feast is similar in social impact as our Long Island Clam Bake. Traditionally crawfish accompany the crabs, but we'll settle for jumbo shrimp.

5 qts. Crab Boil liquid (see recipe below)
1 dz. blue crabs, cleaned
1 lb. jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined
4 fresh ears corn, cut in half
4 med. potatoes, peeled and quartered
2 med. onions, peeled and quartered
2 lemons, quartered
2 tsp. salt

Heat to boiling the Crab Boil liquid in a very large pot. Stir in the salt and reduce heat to a simmer. Add corn, potatoes, onion, and lemon. Cover the pot and cook over a low flame for about 15 minutes. Add the crabs and shrimp. Simmer 10-15 minutes longer. Using a slotted spoon, transfer crabs, shrimp, corn, potatoes, onions and lemons to a large platter. Serve hot with wine or beer and French bread on the side.

Crab Boil Seasoning Liquid

This formula will produce enough liquid to prepare either of the two previous recipes: Seafood Jambalaya or Louisiana Crab Boil. It is also great as a poaching liquid to add that distinctive Cajun flavor or basic fish and seafood dishes.

5 qts. water
3 Tbl. mustard seeds
3 Tbl. coriander seeds
2 Tbl. crushed bay leaves
1 Tbl. allspice berries
2 tsp. whole cloves
1 tsp. crushed, dried chilipeppers

Combine all ingredients but the water in a bowl and bruise lightly with the back of a large spoon. Pour the mixture into a wad of double layered cheesecloth. Bring the ends of the cheesecloth with spices. Continue to boil for about 20 minutes. Remove the cheesecloth and discard. The remaining liquid is now ready to prepare your favorite Cajun dish. Enjoy!

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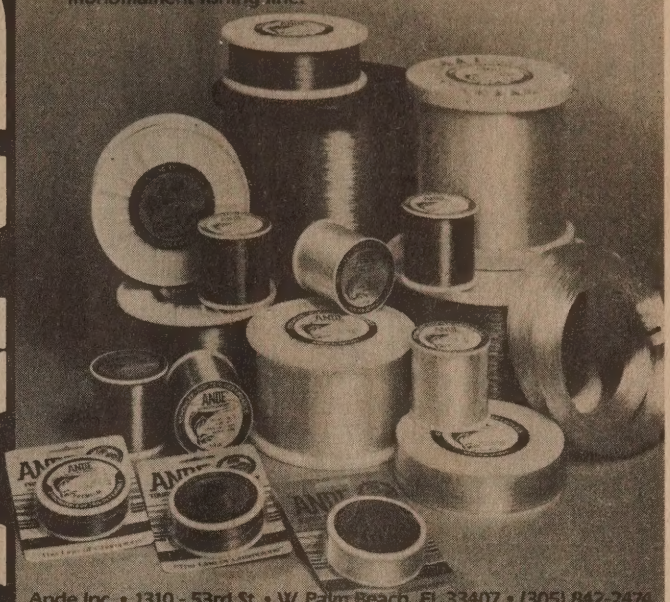

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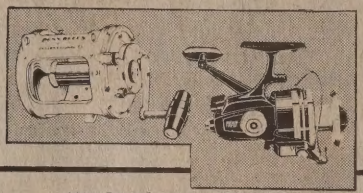

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Tackle Doctor

By Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

Regarding the ongoing discussion of the use of dyes for deer hair, take a tip from my irrepressible and endlessly innovative Aunt Sallie of Gustavus, Alaska, who dyes wool to weave incredible blankets and knits as well.

She has dicovered that plain Kool Aid mix makes wonderful dye (not the sugared kinds, of course, but the little inexpensive packets of plain color and flavor). It will not dye synthetics, only organic or protein fibers such as deer hair and it is completely safe and permanent! I'd be most interested to hear from anyone who tries it: 130 Whittier Ave., Providenxce , RI 02909 Sincerely,
Heather Olden

Dear Heather,

Thanks for an excellent tip from your Aunt Sallie! The next time I need to dye some deer hair for bucktails I'm going to give this method a try. It can't hurt, right? Your address is included above so that you may hear from anyone else who tries it. Thanks for writing.

Dear Doc,

Love your department, good job! I turn to it first then go to the others. Here's my one question. I was told that braided dacron fishing line rots? Can that be? It's synthetic, I assume and like gill nets lasts forever. If it does begin to rot is there a way of prolonging its strength?

Yours sincerely, Mike Fedorg

Dear Mike,

Dacron line is a DuPont trademark for a polyester fiber called dimethyl terephthalate and ethylene glycol. It is a synthetic product which is produced much the same way as regular monfilament line by extrusion in one continuous filament. Most Dacron line is braided which enhances the overall quality of the line.

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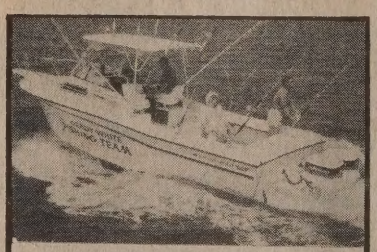

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Dear Doc,

My grandfather through the years has been bringing me chunks of lead for the purpose of making my own sinkers. Since I've been doing a lot of wreck fishing over the past couple of years, my supply of sinkers has gone down to practically nothing.

Unfortunately, the spoons I used to melt the lead in were thrown out accidentally. I've gone to tackle shops and hardware stores looking for iron spoons so I could melt some more lead. No one seems to know where I could get them. Could you tell me where I could find these spoons?

Thank You, Manny Corallo

Dear Manny,

There is a company called the "Do-It" Corporation which offers a very wide selection of lure and sinker mold products. In glancing through their catalog I noticed they do have three types of casting ladles or "spoons-" which may be what you're looking for. One model (No./ 1905) is a large ladle capable of holding 1½ lbs. of lead. Another model, called the Lyman ladle is smaller and holds 4½ ounces of lead and the third model called the Lee ladle holds 2 ounces. These ladles are actually meant for pouring lead from the lead pot into the sinker or lure molds. I got a busy signal when I called out to order you a catalog, so you'll have to order one through the mail. Hope this helps you out.

The company address is: Do-It Corporation, 501 North State St., Hwy 63 North, Denver, Iowa 50622

Dear Doc,

I need to have my Shimano TTS 30 in for service but am not sure where to sent it. Can you give me the address? Do I send it to their California address? Thanks for your assistance. Jerry Quarry

Dear Jerry,

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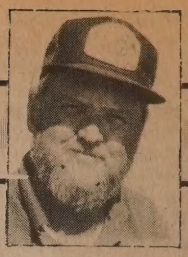
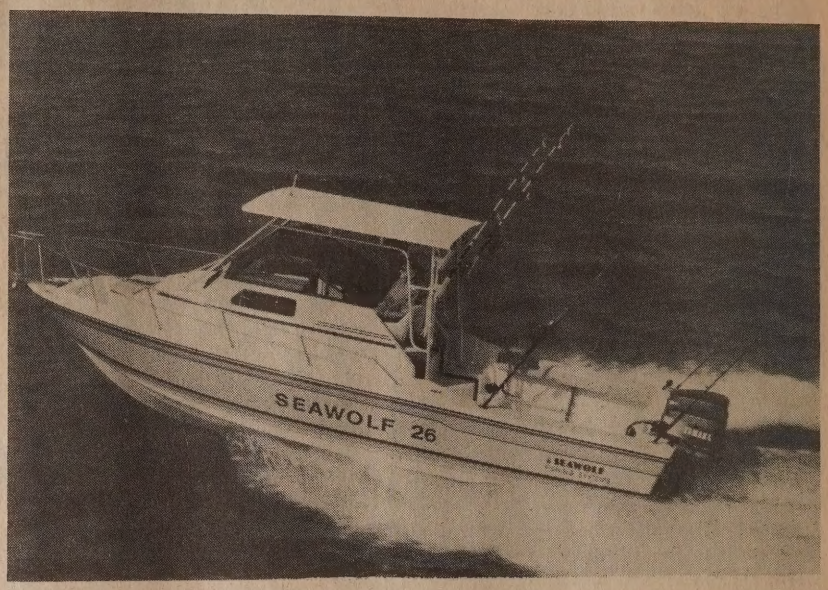


By Eric Burnley



Dear Eric,

I am interested in purchasing a fiberglass Dory such as a John Dory but I cannot find any dealers for this type of boat. I am hoping that you or someone else on the Fisherman Staff may know of a John Dory dealer on Long Island or a dealer for a similar type boat of about 16'. Any information would be a help.

Robert Parze

Dear Robert,

As far as I can determine the John Dory line of boats is no longer distributed in this country. I too was quite impressed with this boat and seriously considered buying one but opted for an aluminum skiff instead.

The Wetsig boat is quite similar to the John Dory and is manufactured in North Carolina. You can contact the factory at Wetsig Boats, 4022 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403, phone, 919-762-9703. Ask them for a dealer in your area or if none are available you can make arrangements to se the boat at the factory.

I have not had a chance to test this boat myself but I have examined it at a boat show and it seems to be very well made. They make several styles from 17 to 21 feet some with a V bottom and others with a motor well. The 17 foot V bottom is the model you would probably find most interesting.

Dear Eric,

I have been reading your column weekly for a couple of years now and I often find it very informative. Here's my problem:

I've been thinking about buying a boat for quite some time now. The ideal boat would be a 21 foot aluminum to be used primarily in the bay, with perhaps a few ventures to a calm ocean. I want to be mobile so I'd like to trailer the boat. Is it inadvisable to trailer a rig of this size (approx. 3000 lbs. fully rigged) well over 100 miles a dozen or so times during the simmer months with a car? GM seems to think so. What sort of work need I have done? Should the trailer have brakes? I'd rather not part with my 1977 350 Delta 88 if I don't have too, and I'm not crazy about buying a truck. Thanks in advance for your opinion.

Michael Iannuzzi

Dear Michael,

Many anglers trailer boats much larger than the type you describe over long distances on a weekly basis during the summer. I had a 21 foot Starcraft Mariner on an EZ Loader trailer and I pulled the rig quite easily with a six cylinder International Scout. My curent rig is considerably heavier and I use an eight cylinder Dodge Ram Charger to drag it back and rforth to the launch ramp.

The most important consideration in a tow vehicle is enough power to pull the load without bogging down. I would think your 1977 Olds qualifies in that department.

Your next concern would be sufficient cooling for the engine and transmission. You can order a larger cooling system for the engine and a special transmission cooler when you buy a new vehicle. This is often part of the

trailer towing package.

I assume your current vehicle does not have these options so you must have them installed either by your General Motors dealer or a competent mechanic. I suspect you are looking at a bill for several hundred dollars but unless you keep the engine and transmission reasonably cool you will spend considerably more replacing them.

Your trailer should have brakes and some states require brakes on trailers of this size. You can use surge brakes which are activated when the trailer begins to slow down or electric brakes which are activated at the same time yuou apply the brakes in your car. I have used both and while the electric brakes are more responsive the surge brakes do the job just as well.

One thing you must keep in mind when launching your boat off of a trailer with brakes. Don't let the brakes go into the water. Salt water will corrode your drums and soak into the shoes rendering the entire mechanism inoperative. This usually results in the brakes locking down tight which makes the trailer quite difficult to move.

In my opinion your choice of a 21 foot aluminum boat is ideal for the type of fidhing you plan. It will be relatively easy to trailer and you don't need a truck to pull it around. making the necessary modifications to your current vehicle should keep it running for many more years.

Most fishermen use the NOAA Navigation Charts for their area but few of us use the Bathymetric maps which give a much clearer picture of the bottom. One reason we may be reluctant to use these maps is their lack of navigational data. That problem can now be corrected with a Loran C overlay available for all the Bathymetric maps covering the East Coast.

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WICC Bluefish Contest

By Dick Alley

It's that time again! The WICC 1988 Greatest Bluefish Contest On Earth, is off and running. Registration applications and T-shirts are available in 16 tackle shops. Contestants who participated in previous years should already have received this year's application in the mail.

This year marks the sixth annual biggest bluefish event for WICC Radio, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The contest itself begins at 12:01AM on Saturday, August 20th, and ends at 5PM on Sunday, August 21st. A guaranteed minimum of $30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded this year, topped by a $10,000 prize for the heaviest bluefish. The second largest blue is worth $5000 to the lucky guy or gal who catches it and third prize is worth $3000.

One of the biggest attractions of this contest is that the prizes don't stop there. Indeed, the next 12 heaviest bluefish are worth $1000 apiece to the anglers who catch them and weigh them in at one of the 12 official weigh stations stretching from City Island, New York to Old Saybrook on the Westchester, New York/Connecticut shore of Long Island Sound and from College Point, New York to Aquebogue, New York along the Long Island shore.

If that's not enough, WICC, in conjunction with the Connecticut DEP will tag six blues prior to the contest.

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Each of these tagged blues is worth a merchandise prize.

Ian MacLean of WICC is the coordinator for this year's contest. Headquarters will again be at Captains Cove Seaport in Bridgeport, where WICC will be broadcasting live throughout the entire weekend. Morgan Kaolian, traffic and weekend beach and water reporter for WICC, will be reporting from the air in the WICC Flight 60 aircraft.

Having covered these contests from the very beginning, you can bet this writer will be out there trying for the big one again this year. I like to call this everyone's contest. The $22 entry fee is within range of anyone who already owns a fishing rod. Over the past five years, winners have come from every locale and each year as the contest has expanded, there have been more new winners from different areas. There have been 12,698 previous contestants, and it looks like this year the most entries ever. T-shirt demand from past seasons has been so high, that this year WICC had extras made and people can purchase extra T-shirts by mail. Each contestant gets a free T-shirt with his application.

As I write this piece, it's still several weeks until the opening gun of the contest, but a look at last year's results can give us an idea of what to expect again this year. It's no secret that most of the winners of previous years were caught on bunker, either chunked or fished live. There were a total of 20 winners last year, and the fish ranged in weight from a 16.04 pound blue caught by Richard Bloom and weighed in at River's End Bait and Tackle in Old Saybrook, to Ken Bruno's "ten thousand dollar baby," a 19.08 pound alligator blue weighed in at Rudy's Tackle Barn in Greenwich. The 1987 contest saw six winners weighed in in Greenwich. Another five fish were weighed in in Huntington, New York, which is just a jump across the Sound from Greenwich. There was a winner from Port Jefferson, New York, three brought in to City Island, New York and four winners in the Old Saybrook area. One fish was weighed in in Branford.

It's worth noting that the western Sound from Greenwich to Westchester and across, produced consistent good fishing for slammer blues throughout all last season. Also noteworthy is the fact that the Old Saybrook and Branford areas, where fishing the mouth of the Connecticut River is common, is always good for blues and stripers. Another fact that should enter in, is that 1987 was the first year the contest was extended to the Old Saybrook area and the catch ratio to anglers participating was very high.

Right through mid-July of 88 however, fishing has been different from what it was last year. Earlier years saw winners in Bridgeport, Stratford, Fairfield and Westport, but last year saw a big hole in that area. Where does that leave the rest of us? Norwalk was strong all season long, and fizzled temporarily during the 1987 contest. The 1986 contest showed a pair of winners coming from Westport in a downpour the last couple of hours before the event ended.

We haven't seen as many big fish in 1988 so far. There was a 21 pounder in Westport and a couple of others in the high teens, but not in the numbers of last year. There has already been one big bunker kill in Westchester and another in Greenwich, and the early population of bunker has been cut drastically in western Long Island Sound. That's not to say that another dense mass of menhaden couldn't move in before the contest; but in mid-July, the majority of the bluefish in the western Sound at least, were taken trolling in deep water. Smaller fish could make the competition sharper. It could also offer an advantage to the anglers who always catch the big ones, and know where to find them.

There could be an advantage to fishing for smaller fish, too. Informed sources report that the tagged fish have historically been "normal" bluefish. While one of the tagged fish has never been caught during the contest, tagged fish have been caught in the weeks following, proving that they are indeed swimming around out there just waiting to be caught by one of the lucky ones.

Then, of course, there's always the chance this contest could grow to even bigger dimensions than first announced. Last year's event added 10 extra $1,000 prizes, just before the opening bell. This year is starting with more, but the more response there is, the better the chance for more prizes.

Speaking from a reporter's point of view, it sure would be nice to meet more of the winners at Captains Cove at the contest's close on Sunday, August 21st. If you've never visited the place, it's a treat for the entire family. There's plenty of excitement, with WICC broadcasting live, great food available on the docks, the H.M.S. Rose and lots of happy and friendly people, all anxious to hear about the winning fish and see the anglers who caught them. Bring the fish along for photos if you can.

Everybody gets psyched for this event. Tackle shops stock up on bait and lures. Marine supply stores do well as people make sure their boats are in tiptop running condition. Chum buckets hang off boats they've never graced before, and the nicest part of the whole contest is I've yet to meet a loser. Over the years, one or two low-lifes have tried to cheat, and to the credit of the Weigh Stations and the people running the contest, they've been caught, quietly dismissed and will never again participate. The rest of the people have had a ball, win or lose. It's rained and the wind has howled, and there's been seasick people and sunburned skin, but all in all, this is the Great Bluefish Contest on Earth and it's right here where it belongs, in Long Island Sound, the greatest bluefish spot on earth.

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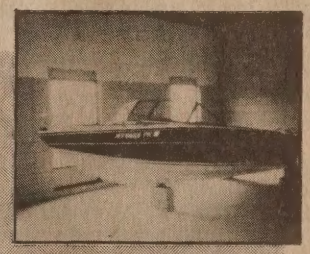

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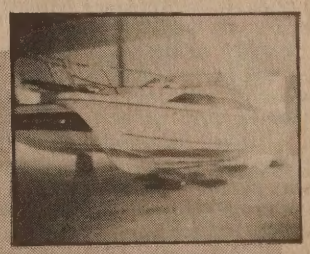

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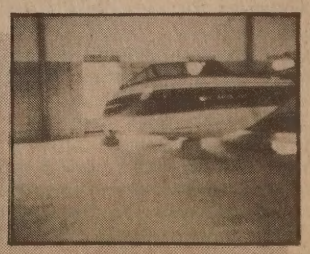

1987 CHEETAH

The Good Souls

By Matt Ahern

My drop line and I were doing fine with the Sandy Hook fluke that day. I had finally gotten the knack. Every few minutes I'd swing a fluke over the rail, quickly remove the hook, toss the surprised fish into the butter tub, put on a fresh killie, and go down and get another one. Yes, sir, It had taken a few trips, but I'd gotten the knack.

I had the tub half-full when this old fisherman slid up beside me. He watches as I unhook another fluke, and then he gently tapped me on the arm. "Hey kid, when you gonna stop fooling around like this and become a real fisherman?"

I know there were kids those days who would have told that old-timer to mind his own business, but in 1930 a 15 year old's deportment when aboard such a sedate party boat as Canarsie's Rose R II was strictly low key. And besides that, I'm sure this old timer actually did consider my fishing activity his business, for certainly there can be no question that "I am my brother's keeper" applied during those days. This old fisherman knew that I understood what he meant, of course, but to make certain I did, he added: "When you gonna get yourself a rod and reel and have some real fun?"

"Soon as I can afford it," I replied.

"That bad, eh? Tell you what kid. I know you're on board every Thursday, so check me out next week. I'll have something for you."

That "something" I received the following week was a sidewinder reel. It had been well used, but I didn't care. Its freshly varnished maple sides glistened in the early morning sunlight, and its two knobbed handles wore a coat of brilliant, glossy red enamel. It came complete with 100 yards of brand new 9-thread linen line. That reel was beautiful!

And do you know, nearly 60 years later, I still have that reel. I wouldn't part with it for the world. I no longer use it, but if I ever decided to, all I would need do is place it on my rod. Perhaps a drop of light oil to its solid brass shaft would be required, but that's all.

While we are on the subject of reels, perhaps I'd better tell you the story of another sidewinder I own.

Those of you who have read these weekly articles and stories for a while know that I devote a good deal of writing about those old time master fishermen who frequented party boats in the days of my youth, especially those who fished aboard the Rose R II of Canarsie. These fellows were a breed unto themselves. I don't believe we'll ever see their kind again. It was those sad times of the Great Depression that brought to light the inherent kindness and compassion of these great fishermen.

Most of these fellows were "rough and ready." They were living through the worst of times and they were making it. They were no longer frightened by the events and economy of the day, for no matter what those terrible times brought, they were secure in the knowledge that they could handle it. And this confidence, this elan, if you will, was apparent in all their actions when fishing aboard party boats.

One of these fellows was Andy Goetz of Ridgewood.

As a boy, I was always a bit frightened of Andy. A giant of a man, boisterous, possessor of a face bronzed by weather and tracked by wrinkles, complete with a voice that seemed harsh enough to crack glass, Andy never paid much attention to me. Occasionally, he would squeeze by as I stood at the rail and jab sausage-like fingers in my ribs. "Knock 'em dead, Marty boy. Knock 'em dead," he would encourage, which was about the extent of his interest in me. Or so I thought.

I was ever on the alert for information regarding such master fishermen. It wasn't long before I heard rumors that Andy had invented a new type sidewinder reel, which he planned to soon put on the market. It would be known as the U-Needa. Its sides I'd been told were of brown Bakelite and it came in two sizes: 3½ and 5 inches.

I was aboard the morning Andy showed up with a carton of those reels, which I was certain he wanted to sell. I was hoping he wouldn't ask me, for no matter what the cost, there was little likelihood of me (who rarely had two spare nickels to rub together) buying one. Therefore, as I spotted him coming my way, I suddenly discovered a group of distant spilings that required my undivided attention.

As I knew he would, Andy stopped before me and in that harsh gravel-like voice said: "Here, Marty, this is for you." He held out a blue and white pasteboard box I knew contained a U-Needa reel.

"For me?" I stupidly asked.

"Sure, for you. All my buddies get free reels. What's the matter kid, don't you want it?"

As I said, those old-timers were rough and ready for anything. But it was all a sham, for they were pussy cats in their hearts. (I've also got that reel squirreled away in its original box, and to even consider parting with it pains me greatly.)

I now had two reels, certainly an embarassment of riches for a 15-year old fisherman those days, but no rod. A decent rod at the time, suitable for the type of party boat fishing we did, cost about six dollars.

But those good souls came to the rescue again.

During those long-gone days, the Rose R's regulars left their tackle in the pilot house at the end of a day's fishing. It was very convenient to do this, especially when one travelled by public transporta-

tion, which nearly everyone did. (Who owned a car those days?) Some of the more affluent fishermen had shor lockers, but these fellows were few and far between. And because of this, one corner of the pilot house was set aside for the convenient storage of rods and reels. There were several dozen of these, but regardless of what misfortune befell him during the day (a broken rod or malfunctioning reel, let's say), no regular would think of using a missing fisherman's tackle without previous permission.

One of these regulars who stored his tackle in the pilot house was a Belgian we called Babe. I can see him yet.... heavy-set, ruddy complexion, a face like a chrub, always hatless, and a great fellow for giving me the bum's rush should I wander too close during the telling of particular stories.

Anyway, to make a long story short, Babe died. One of Babe's wishes was that his funeral be held aboard the Rose R II. Babe's ashes were scattered into the wind by his wife. The chosen site was just south of the Cholera Bank. I was aboard that day and witnessed the entire service only because Babe's wife requested the presence of all his fishing buddies. As she told me on the way in: "Babe always thought the world of you, Marty dear."

Well, several weeks passed. And then one day as I stepped aboard the Rose R, the skipper (whom I worshiped as a boy) called me aside. "Here Marty, take Bab's rod. I know he'd want you to have it."

It was a beautiful handmade lancewood rod, with agate-ringed German silver tip and guides, and a reel seat of the same beautiful metal. Even the center ferrule was German silver. To this day, I believe that rod had a better action than any I've owned since. I used it for cod, as well as fluke, porgies, sea bass, blackfish, etc.

But I no longer have it.

Through my own carelessness, it went overboard while codfishing one December morning during a brutal nor'easter. And where do you think it went overboard? South of the Cholera Bank, almost exactly where Bab's ashes were scattered! Even today, nearly 60 years later, whenever my buddy Artie Leidecker and I fish that area for cod, it is impossible not to think of Babe, and that beautiful rod.

But it wasn't only fishing tackle I received from these good souls. Heavy winter clothing for codfishing came my way, too. Most of this was World War I surplus. I was given, among other things, an excellent Navy pea jacket and a leather Army vest with an olive-drab lining (which certainly kept my chest warm many a raw winter's day). These fellows seemed hell-bent to see that I was properly dressed for the occasion. Even foul weather gear and hip high boots came my way.

So, you see, this is the way it was when I was a boy learning "the ropes" on party boats. It is the reason I write as I do of those old-time fishermen who were my friends during those hectic days. it was certainly an attitude of "One for all, and all for one." As mentioned before, never will we see the likes of such fishermen again.

But once, just once, I'd like to relive one of those days.

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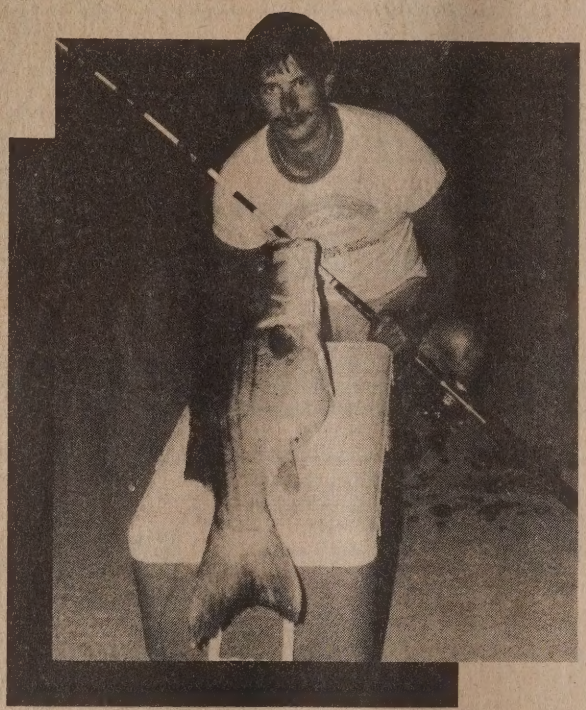
Dunking for Lunkers



By Tom Mikoleski

The Regina M II quietly drifted through Reynolds Channel on a westerly course, the result of a slowly ebbing tide. The sun just barely cresting the Long Beach Bridge to the east. All around the boat pods of bunker began to ripple the flat bay waters. Suddenly no more than 50 feet off the starboard bow a pod of bunker leaped from the water desperately trying to avoid the jaws of some unseen game fish. It is this eruption that ends the quiet solitude of dawn and rings the breakfast bell for striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish. This scene is enacted many mornings on the north and south shores of Long Island from early July through November. However, few anglers are lucky enough to witness this because it happens while most are just getting out of bed or just getting to the dock.

In my opinion, there is no more productive way to catch a trophy sized bass, blue or weak than to fish in and around schools of bunker. Most areas on Long Island have resident schools of bunker, but it is up to the angler to find their own local haunts. All you have to do is put in your time and success will not be long in coming. Most of my time is spent fishing between East Rockaway and Jones Inlet. Both inshore and offshore. I don't mean to forget our brothers on the north shore because some of the best bunker dunking on Long Island is available to them, but my passion is the south shore and the Atlantic Ocean which goes with it.

There are three reasons why I enjoy bunker dunking so much. First and foremost is the distinct possibility of hooking into a trophy sized fish. The second reason is that even though it doesn't sound like a challenging way to fish, trust me, it is. Frustration mounts as your attempts to score will probably fail the first few times until you learn the little tricks needed to succeed. Last, but not least, you won't have to travel far to reach productive bunker dunking waters. As a result, a few innings can be put in before or after normal working hours.

Now let's get to the how-to of hooking up. The first piece of equipment you'll need is a 6 to 7 foot medium heavy action spinning rod with a matching reel like a Penn 550 or 650SS. These rods are not easy to come across, so you may have to get one custom made, or make one yourself. This rod is used solely for snagging bunker. Sounds a little weird, doesn't it? Maybe, but you would be surprised how often I see someone having trouble simply snagging bunker. Unfortunately, these anglers don't have the right equipment. Put good quality 20 pound test mono on the reel. On the end of your line, tie on a 4/0 to 6/0 weighted treble hook. If you wish, at 6 inch intervals above the weighted treble hook, you can tie on two dropper loops. Attach two 4/0 to 6/0 unweighted treble hooks to these loops. This will allow for double headers to be picked up occasionally. With this combo you'll have no problem getting off a good cast from your boat and the stiff backbone of the rod will take care of snagging for bunker with ease. Remember, bunker scales are pretty tough. Also remember to check the points of your hooks for any loose scales embedded on them.

Bunker schools can be located in two ways: by sight or with the use of a chart recorder, or the new video sounders. When they are spotted be cautious; approach them slowly and quietly. Cut your engine and use the tide to your advantage. Slowly drift towards them. If you're quiet and lucky the school will not be bothered by your presence. If they sound, try and use the recorder to find them. Cast out and let the treble sink down deep. Retrieve with long sweeps of the rod. Continue this sweeping until a hook-up is felt. The rod and reel combo described also allows you to horse in the bunker, thus spending less time snagging

Once in the boat, put those bunker that are not bleeding badly into some sort of live well. If no live well is available, use an 86 qt. cooler with frequent changes of water. Keep the lid closed to keep the bunker calm in the darkness.

Now that we have our live bunker, it's time to start fishing. I believe the best way to a hook-up is to get your bunker down below the school that's on the surface. True, at times you will see bunker exploding on top, with blues cartwheeling in hot pursuit. By all means try to position your boat close to this action, but I believe there is more action down below out of sight. For every blue on top, there are many more down below corraling the bunker to form tight schools. I get the

bunker down with the help of a fish-finder rig and 3 to 4 ounces of lead. These rigs can be bought at any tackle shop. Try to get the ones with the flat black finish.

The rod to use is a 6½ to 7 foot medium action conventional model, matched to a reel like the Garcia 7000 or Penn Squidder. Line anywhere from 15 to 30 pound test can be used. I prefer 17 to 20 pound because I feel I get more hook-ups with the lighter line. Put your line through the nylon fishfinder and tie it to a 50 pound black barrel swivel. Now if bass and weaks are around, use about a 3 foot leader of 40 to 60 pound test snelled to a 5/0 beak hook for bass and weaks, tied to the barrel swivel with a carefully tied improved clinch knot. I don't like to use treble hooks because all too often they make the bait spin when drifting, but many anglers use them successfully. Basically, go with whichever hook you prefer; just make sure it's strong enough.

Most times you will find that only blues are chasing the bunker. As a result, you will be cut off quite often after a hook-up. To solve this problem, I'll still use a 3 foot piece of mono leader, but then I'll tie a 6/0 short, coffee colored wire leadered bluefish hook to my mono leader. Cut offs will be less frequent, but your chances of fooling a bass or weak are drastically reduced. So if you prefer bass and weaks, stick with the mono leader and take the cut offs in stride.

Okay, now that we are all rigged, hook the bunker lightly in front of the dorsal fin and get him in the water. Let the bunker down to the bottom and leave the reel in free spool, lightly thumbing the spool. Prior to a pick-up you'll probably notice the bunker swimming erratically. This is a sign for you to pay attention. The pick-up is not the time to strike the fish. Let the game fish swim away with the bunker in its mouth, but remember to gently thumb the spool to prevent a backlash. After the pick-up, count to seven slowly and make sure there is no slack in your line and set the hook smartly. Hopefully everything was timed right and the fight is on. If you missed the hook-up, reel in what will probably be a half a bunker and try again with a new frisky one. I wish it wasn't so, but most of the time chunks of bunker just won't produce; but I usually save the bunker that were bitten in half for later on when the supply of live bunker is depleted.

Play the fish carefully and don't touch the drag once it is set. If all goes well in a few minutes a bass, blue, or weak will be at boatside ready to be landed. Please keep release techniques in mind and have your nets or gaffs ready. Let's all pitch in to preserve our resources for future generations.

That about does it. Give bunker dunking a try. Put your innings in and be patient. If you follow my guidelines and perhaps expand upon them, you'll be successful and enjoy plenty of "tight lines" on your boat.

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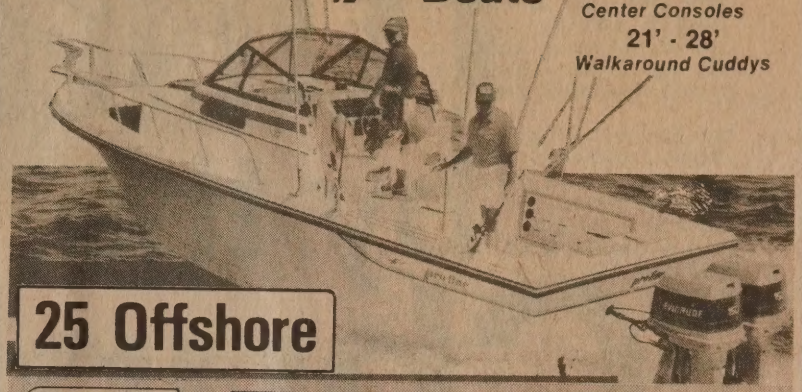
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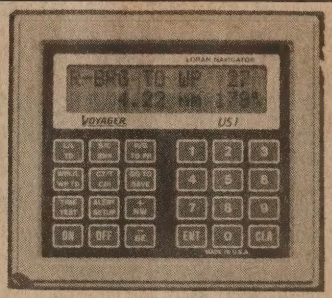
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Tuna by the Chunk

By Pete Barrett

Rich Barrett works a yellowfin out from under the boat by shoving the rod tip under the water. Bill Shedd of AFTCO gets ready with the tag while Greg Stotesbury is ready to grab the leader.

Sleek, powerful yellowfin tuna will set many fishermen's hearts beating at a faster rate. Silver gray mono line is less visible to the tuna's wary eye.

The silvery chunks of butterfish slowly sank from view as another handful of oily fish was tossed into the slick. Suddenly, barrel shaped shadows zipped past the stern. Were they real? Was it our imagination playing tricks? Moments later the second assault wave cruised past the stern. This time one of the tuna proved to be more than a mere shadow as it grabbed a hooked butterfish and pushed his body muscles to full throttle.

Jeff grabbed the rod and in a smooth motion took the click off, shoved the drag lever to the strike position, then lifted the rod sharply to firmly set the hook. The stand-up style rod bent over and the reel made that incredibly sweet sound as 30 pound line melted from the spool. Jeff announced, "I'm in, and this one feels like he's heading for Cape May!"

Several seconds later Bob's rod went off and he, too, was fast to a yellowfin tuna. During the fight, both tuna crisscrossed each other nearly rubbing the mono lines stretched tight as guitar strings against one another. "Watch out they don't touch!" Like a strange ballet, Jeff and Bob worked back and forth from port to starboard as their fish went south, then east, then south and west. It doesn't take much to pop a line when 60 pounds of tuna has it stretched to the limit.

These were the first tuna for the day, so at boatside, we agreed to stash these two yellowfin in our insulated fish bags. "We'll tag the rest," Bob assured me as new baits were added to hooks and the chunkin' pattern continued. Before the day was over, eight more yellowfin felt the sting of our hooks. Each was released to fight again.

As we headed back to the inlet, tag flags flying off the starboard rigger, Jeff stretched out in the companion seat, sipping a cool one and reflected, "It's a great country, America. Where else in the world can you get fishing as good as this and so close to shore." His sentiments are echoed by thousands of tuna fishermen from Massachusetts to Maryland.

The action can be fabulous, but like any kind of fishing, it pays to choose the right tackle, rig the right baits, pick the best spot and be there at the right time. There is a method to this madness of catching tuna on the inshore grounds.

The California style stand-up tackle has greatly influenced East Coast anglers, but the full story about stand-up fishing is only now being disclosed. Some modifications are necessary. Huge, gut busting yellowfin and bigeye over 150 pounds are best fought with very short 5 or 5½ foot stand-up rods. These fish are usually found at the canyons. Inshore tuna of 30 to 100 pounds are best fought on slightly longer rods of 6 to 6½ feet.

Captain Frank LoPresti of the famous Royal Polaris of San Diego explained at workshops, sponsored by The Fisherman this past winter, "It's only the big fish that are taken on the heavy duty, very short rods which give the angler more lifting power. Since many battles with these big fish are fought straight up and down in deep water, the shorter rods are better at hauling in big fish. Smaller fish often hit the baits and run out and away from the boat. The longer rods allow lighter tackle and a more effective fish fighting tool for small to medium sized fish."

Greg Stotesbury, a California fisherman from AFTCO, fished with us aboard the "Linda B" last season for inshore tuna and we asked him about the length of rod he used. His favorite stick for medium tuna was a custom made 6 footer he had built himself and it wasn't at all what I expected a California fisherman to be using. Greg explained the slightly longer rod applied constant tiring spring action against the runs of a 20 to 80 pound tuna and help to tire the fish.

I've settled on 6 foot West Coast style rods because they also allow more line control as fish are worked around transom corners and outboard engines. They are matched to lever drag reels in the 30 pound class. The Penn 30 International is my old time favorite, while the newer Penn 40 GLS, Daiwa LD50H and Shimano

Tritons and BeastMasters offer high tech components and graphite reel frames for lightweight and are also popular with many fishermen. If you are on a budget, the star drag reels like the Penn 113H and 114H or Daiwa 300H and 400H are fine, too.

Despite dockside stories about fish that ran hundreds of yards of line, with the drag set at 33 percent of the line's strength, any 30 pound class reel will be adequate, lever or star drag. We only had to get off the ball once for an inshore tuna, a 125 pound class bluefin that Greg Stotesbury caught on 17 pound test line.

Line choice, especially color, can be critical. My favorite for many years has been Ande pink, but the new smoke gray mono lines offer even less visibility. Since tuna can be frustratingly line shy, choosing a gray line can add a fish or two to your daily catch. Hi-Seas, Maxima and Ande offer gray or silver gray lines.

Thirty pound test is the best all-round line choice on the inshore grounds since the action is usually in the daylight hours. Lighter lines tend to break too easily and heavier lines may spook the fish. The 30 pound line also allows the hooked butterfish bait to drift naturally in the slick. Fifty or 80 pound line has too much spring to let the bait float naturally. At the canyon edge most chunkers use 50 to 80 pound line, depending on the camouflage of darkness to help hide the line from the tuna.

I rig my line with a 3 foot Bimini at the end, then add a 12 foot length of 40 pound leader. Many tuna chunkers use a small, black colored barrel swivel between the main line and the leader to avoid line twists, but I usually tie the leader directly to the Bimini with a double surgeon's knot. If the tuna are line shy, tie directly to the hook with no leader at all. It's better to lose a fish or two in the middle of catching a few, instead of going hitless because of too heavy a leader.

Line twists occur when the butterfish is reeled back to the boat after being drifted into the slick without a strike. A slow retrieved bait may get frequent strikes, so I reel the bait in a few feet at a time. It avoids twists and takes a few extra fish. I keep the drag lever just above the free spool pin. There's only enough drag to reel in the line, not to spook a fish that picks up the bait and runs with it.

There are several excellent hooks that work well for chunking. The one you choose will probably be most influenced by the tackle shop you deal with. I've tried about a half dozen different styles that were all "the best" and they all worked just as well. Use a silver hook like the Mustad #94151 with an offset in sizes 3/0 to 6/0 depending on the size of the bait. A Palomar knot or snell attaches the hook to the line or leader.

Some tuna anglers go to great lengths to hide the hook inside the butterfish so the tuna don't see it, yet the silver hooks are nearly invisible anyhow. It is possible a buried hook will not firmly hook up on a tuna as it bites the bait. The method we use passes the hook through the bait's mouth, out the gills and then implants the hook above the base of the tail. When the line is pulled snug, the hook point is on one side of the bait, the shank on the other and the leader is running into the gill flap and out the mouth. Hook-ups are instantaneous.

A working bait will produce better than a bait simply set out and left in the water, but it pays to try both methods. With three anglers working baits, each man will work a rod by paying out line and letting the butterfish drift back into the slick. After 100 or more feet of line are let out, the bait is retrieved and the process starts all over again until a fish strikes.

We always leave one bait dropped off an outrigger clip so it's out of the way of the working baits. The bait has a split shot or two and is placed about 50 to 75 feet out from the boat. This "dead bait" rod sometimes gets a lot of strikes and takes a few fish when all else fails.

Split shot can be added to the working baits to keep them running down into the slick. The slight tug of the line makes the bait drift unnaturally but the slight weight of the split shot overcomes the line's resistance.

Rods are left in the gunwale mounts, reels in free spool with clickers on. At the pick-up, the fisherman grabs the rod with the left hand, disengages the clicker as the rod is guided into the gimbal belt. The right hand shoves the lever forward and the anglers sets the hook with several sharp lifts of the rod tip. With a little practice the movement becomes fast, precise and effective. If you are new at tuna chunking you may drop a few fish from buck fever. The rip of the clicker unnerves even veteran fishermen.

The best action occurs along inshore banks and sloughs. Inshore is a relative term depending on your fishing experiences. To the bluefisherman, the 20 fathom banks at 18 miles from the coast are considered "offshore," but to a canyon fisherman the same spot is "inshore" just off the beach.

During the last three years some places have been consistent in giving up tuna, but only the Mud Hole and its nearby banks, dropoffs and sloughs have been crowded with tuna fishermen. Other likely places that get little attention except by a few sharpies who don't tell the rest of the fishing world much about their success are hitting the grounds near the Resor Wreck, the 15 fathom slough below Barnegat Ridge, the 28 Mile Wreck and the 20 fathom slope offshore of Cape May. Deeper water areas are found along the 25, 30 and 40 fathom curves.

While the Mud Hole is the most well known and is crowded with other boats who help pinpoint the good fishing locations, a slick built in the above mentioned areas also stands a chance for some great action. Bruce Maloney of Barnegat had fish last season near the Star off of Barnegat Lightship buoy for three weeks running with no (as in none, zip, zero) competition from other boats.

To effectively fish a chunk slick, the boat should be at anchor. We've had some excellent action drifting and chunking at the canyons, but on the inshore grounds anchoring is best so the full advantage of the structure can be realized. The fish will hold on the edge of the bank or slough and anchoring is the only way to maintain boat position all day. Use at least 3 times the water depth for the length of the anchor line and add a longer than usual length of the anchor line and add a longer than usual length of chain to help hold bottom. I use a 22 pound anchor, 12 feet of chain and 400 feet of line to hold bottom in 120 feet of water depth.

Butterfish is the bait of choice with most tuna fishermen purchasing several flats, or boxes, of bait to provide bait and chunks for the slick. As the flat is thawing, check the butters and pick out those that are free from freezer burn, have no damaged skin and are firm. Save several different sizes of baits in case the fish show a preference on any given day.

The rest of the butters are cut into chunks. Some guys have figured ways to cut the butters while still frozen on band saws or with hacksaws, but I feel the best chunks are cut fresh and neat. Use a sharp knife and cut the baits into 5 to 7 pieces making the cuts from the top of the bait down to the belly, much like steaking a fish instead of filleting.

A steady pattern of chunks seems to be the most effective. Haphazard chunking may get fish occasionally, but only carefully timed and executed chunking holds the fish for long periods of time behind the boat. Toss a handful of new chunks just as the previous handful drifts out of sight in the water. I throw 4 to 5 pieces in a semi-circle around the stern of the boat, favoring the upcurrent side of the slick.

Chumming with ground bunker can be helpful. On some days it made all the difference in the world as the boats not chumming came home empty or with a small catch while chummers caught many more fish. On other days, the chum seemed to have no effect at all. If you do chum, do it sparingly. A heavy slick will attract bluefish and you don't need them messing with your tuna baits.

Last year the action started in mid-August and continued through September into October. This year has already seen numbers of tuna being taken by sharkers so the season may be shaping up to a very early start. After a very slow shark season, this is welcome news for the inshore big game angler. You can bet there will be hundreds of boats heading to the tuna grounds filled with fishermen ready to moan and groan with yellowfin tuna.

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Long Island's Best Bassin'

Part Ten
Wantagh Twin Lakes

By Tom Schlichter

Frankly speaking, Nassau County is not known for having the best freshwater fishing in the region. In fact, the opportunities in this crowded portion of the Island are rather limited. Trout are stocked only in South Oyster Bay Mill Pond and, with the exception of a handful of lakes and ponds, carp and panfish are the predominant species. Thus, most serious Nassau County freshwater fans spend the majority of their fishing time on Suffolk County waters. There are, however, a couple of lakes and ponds which can offer good close-to-home bassing for the Nassau County angler. Of these, the Wantagh Twin Lakes are easily the most reliable.

Located immediately west of the Wantagh Causeway between Sunrise Highway and Jerusalem Rd., the "Twin Lakes" are actually a trio of small impoundments on a stream which flows from north to south, eventually emptying into Mill Pond and, further on, Bellmore Creek. Of all the freshwater ponds on Long Islnad, these three probably see the most intense fishing pressure throughout the season. There are few if any days between early March and mid-October when an angler can have one of these lakes to himself and most summer weekends see upwards of twenty people working the combined shorelines here (as in all Nassau County public lakes and ponds, the use of boats or rubber rafts is prohibited). Even on weekdays, there always seem to be a few anglers casting away, both early and late in the day. One late April day during the 1986 season actually saw more than 200 fishermen lining the banks! All three lakes are part of Mill Pond Park and can be reached from Park Avenue, which cuts between the south and middle lakes.

Which lake you want to fish depends largely on the time of year, your species preference, and the type of of water you most like to work. The three lakes are varied as to shoreline structure, weed growth and water depth. Without a doubt, all three are early season producers with bass fishing growing increasingly more productive as one works from south to north. Since it is the south lake where the action usually heats up first, lets begin our Twin Lakes tour there.

The south lake is a shallow body of water distinguished by a mostly gravel and pebble bottom, heavy cobomba growth and a noticeable lack of lily pads. It's southern bank is bordered by rock, remnants of parkway construction, and the southern end sports both a spillway and pump house. Maximum depth in this pond is approximately 6' in a channel found roughly half-way down the rock bank, just opposite a large concrete block.

Action along the south lake shores usually heats up in late March, with pickerel in the 10" - 15" class seemingly bursting onto the scene in numbers that never cease to astound me. Each spring our freshwater reports include catches of 10 - 20 chain pickerel made in a morning at this location. For the most part, the small water wolves respond best to live killies fished without a float, small spinners, and small Rebel or Rapala type plugs. By late April/early May, the bass begin to come alive, with predominantly small fish to about 12" taken on the pickerel offerings. There are also some crappies, large bluegills (up to 1 lb. usually taken with nightcrawlers), carp to 25 lbs. and redfin pickerel. While bass to 6 lbs. have been taken from this lake in the past, It is not a reliable source of largemouth action and Mike Nicoletti of Causeway Bait & Tackle, Wantagh, reports he hasn't weighed a bass over 3 lbs. here yet this season. Still, during March and April, it's the only game in town.

By early May, the bass population of the middle lake seems to awaken and this, the forgotten lake in the chain, becomes the favorite of those in the know. It's amazing how different this lake is from the south lake in terms of make-up. While the water depth is about the same, heavy lily pads, both flat and lotus, dominate the waters here as spring moves into summer. You'll also quickly notice that this bottom is muddier than that of the south lake. In recent years, anglers familiar with this water report that the bass population has decreased significantly, but the number of large fish taken has risen. Of the three lakes, this one probably has the most quality sized bass swimming around, but the large fish here are difficult to entice. Generally, experienced bassers work the lily pad edges here with weedless worms or small spinnerbaits under low light conditions. Poppers fished tight to the shoreline along the east or south bank score well, too, sometimes with an occasional 4 - 5 lber. It's possible, if you work early or late enough, to take up to seven or eight legal sized bass here but three or four is a more realistic goal. Not to be overlooked here is some fantastic May crappie fishing, probably the best on the Island. As the water temperature hits the mid-sixties, it's not unusual to hear reports of up to 50 of these panfish caught and released in a day's fishing. Live killies and small spinners are the ticket to the best action and some of these panfish weigh up to 1.25 lbs. It's possible to split your catch between the crappies and bass by using 4" plugs or large killies. The larger baits and lures interest the bass and crappies both, but tend to weed out the

smaller panfish. There are also a few pickerel, carp and eels to be had here.

By the time the official bass season reopens in early June, the north lake is in prime form. This is the bassin' gem of this system, offering average catches of four to eight fish per trip with the majority falling in the 12" - 14" category. Back in the 1940's and 1950's, I've been told, it wasn't uncommon to hear of largemouths of 9 - 10 lbs. taken here. In modern times, however, 7.5 lbs. is about the maximum size one would expect to be swimming in these waters, but you never know.

According to Garran's Tackle, Merrick, several local anglers recently completed a study on this lake which mapped its maximum depth at 17' right where the waters flow out from under the Wantagh Parkway. A team of divers examined the lake and found the waters to be relatively clean and clear but it was determined that much of the bottom is coated with up to four feet of muck. There must be some water with less mud, however, for the bass and panfish here continue to spawn successfully. Despite its deep water, the lake was found to be rather woarm, the dive team eventually ended their tour because the 80 degree water temperatures wre uncomfortable. The shoreline here is divided in a unique manner. The west bank has a steep drop starting about 10' opffshore. Here the bottom is relatively hard and surface wees are few. Along the east bank, the bottom slopes gradually and surface weeds, especially lily pads, are thick. Where you fish determines what you can use. Mike Nicoletti fishes this lake quite a bit each season and he feels that the entire bank holds fish. "Almost anything will work in that lake, worms, plugs, spinnerbaits, as long as you fish early or late. Most fish come from the 4' - 5' depths. Bazaar color patterns seem to catch well for some reason. Lavender and blue-fleck purple worms, for instance, take a lot of fish. Use some weedless lures or poppers along the east side, diving plugs and spinnerbaits on the west side." Mike likes the morning period best, noting that the evenings are sometimes a little too crowded. Fishing slow seems to really turn these bass on, he believes. As with the other two lakes, the north Lake offers some fine crappie and bluegill action, plus eels and carp. It's also been reported that this lake holds at least one albino catfish (est. length - 2') cruising the bottom.

With all the pressure these three lakes endure, starting in March and running full tilt through October, it is utterly amazing that they can offer such varied and productive fishing, especially for bass and pickerel. Probably the foremost reason why they continue to produce is the care with which most regulars practice catch and release fishing. While I receive reports of anglers connecting with ten bass, twenty pickerel, thirty bluegills and up to fifty crappies a day, most anglers and tackle shops make it a point to tell me that virtually everyone of these fish are released, panfish included. With a continued concern for the fish and their environment on these three small impoundments, we should see this oasis of freshwater action continue to produce far into the future.

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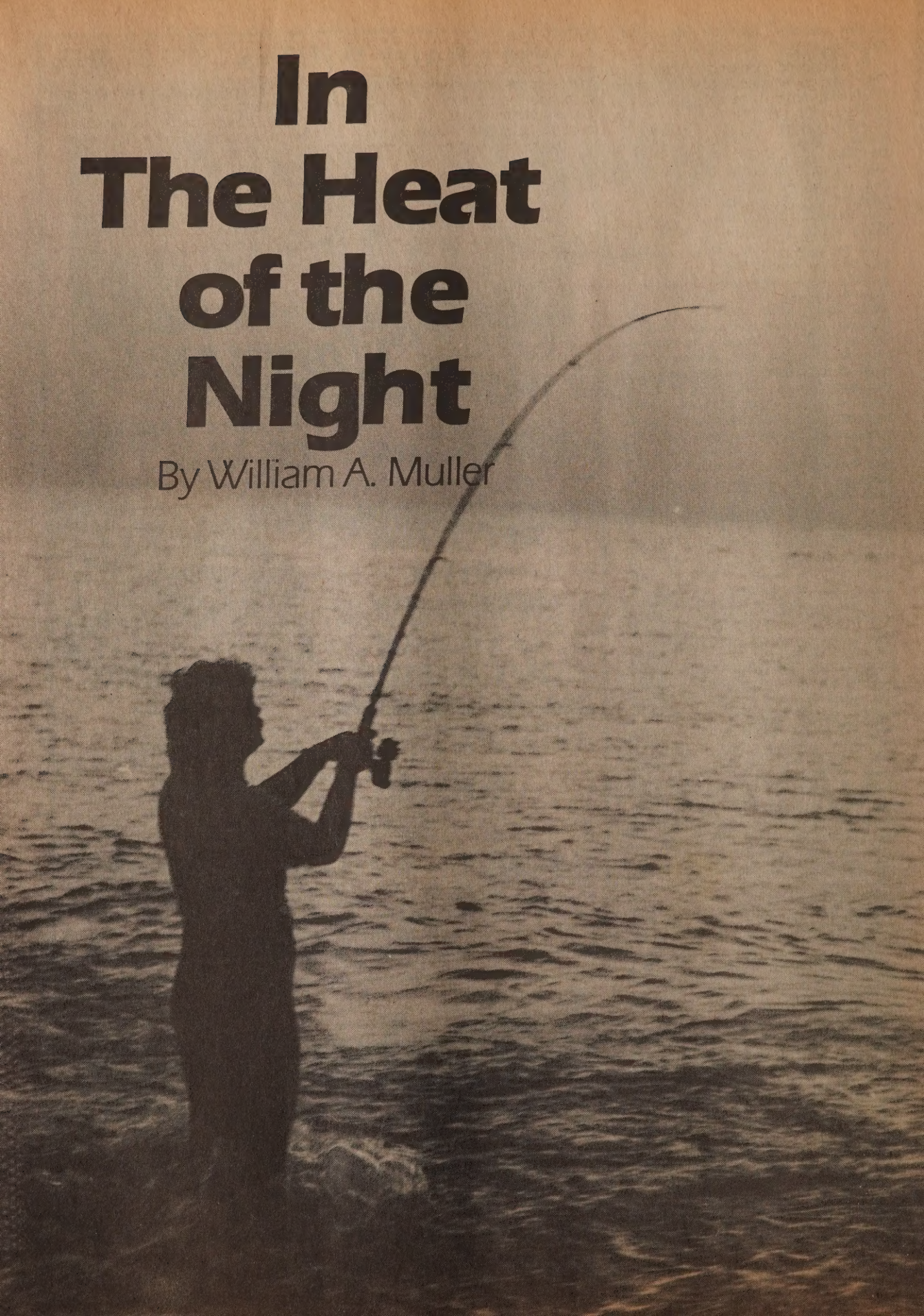
In The Heat of the Night

By William A. Muller



No kidding,is it worth surf fishing during the doldrums of July and August? Well, that will depend upon who you ask. If you catch the guy who just happened to stumble into a rare summer blitz, he'll tell you it's great. On the other hand, if you ask most people, they'll say it's tough going.

Realistically the surf fishing isn't going to be as good during late July and August as it is in June or the fall months of September, October, and November. Proof, least you doubt, will be found in the records of most clubs and surf contest. At, times the total number of points entered may be as good as other, more productive months, but tell tale signs give away the summer doldrums. These include the facts that far fewer anglers will score, that productivity with all three favored gamefish will be replaced by high totals in perhaps one species category.

Further proof will be found on the beach where far fewer fishermen will be spotted. As their luck sours, they one by one turn to professional and household tasks neglected during the first runs of fish in May and June. In fact, more often than not, it will be the surf fisherperson heading to the shore at sunset to escape the vicious heat with the help of a sea breeze and, having no real expectation of fish, finds himself in the middle of a blitz. Be warned, however, these blitzes rarely repeat as they do in the spring and the fall. In summer, blitzes are the result of the coming together of bait, weather, tide, predator, and timing that causes the event. There is no steady migration of bait to hold the daily attention of predators as long as the weather also holds.

Now, take heart because there is another side to the coin. If you do find a pattern will hold for a long time, perhaps even the better part of 2 months. The reason for that is the steady nature of summer weather. Coastal storms are very rare, winds blow out of the same direction for weeks, water temperatures remain the same, and bait isn't migrating. Finding a pattern to work is the tough part because they are not common.

I've been the beneficiary of several patterns. A couple of times I was able to work weakfish in Long Island Sound. Every night they moved into the shallows from nearby deep water to feed on sand eels. On two occasions the pattern held for three weeks, and once for over a month. Of course, today there are far fewer weaks and even the abundance of sand eels has slid off noticeably. Therefore, it is less likely to have schools of sand eels on the beach where, during periods of peak abundance, they were pushed by competition from tremendous density in mid-Sound. Today, there is plenty of room for most sand eels in the cooler open Sound water.

On several other occasions the pattern was bass and the bait uncertain. A couple of times I found bass that held for about a week, then there was the six week stint on the other side of the knot.

How to find these patterns? That best answer is a simple one, look! I'm not evading the issue, this is the issue. Try lots and lots of spots, work the traditional tides, which on Long Island tends to be outgoing, and fish and fish and fish. That often takes a lot of doing. After all, reports on good fishing are scarce, the weather is hot and humid making us lethargic and unenthusiastic, there are family vacations, job demands, the chores put off for too long, and the comfort of the back yard pool. I know how hard it can be to get the butt moving, but that is job one!

Next, for the most part fish night tides. The water will cool off at night and that makes gamefish more comfortable. Sure there are the occasional daytime events, but the percentages are with the night tides. The later into the night you can fish the better, since the water will be that much cooler.

Bring plenty of bug repellent. Gnats, flies, mosquitos, and God knows what else. All are trying to make hay while the sun shines in order to lay eggs and complete their cycles before chill winds blow.

Night tides will produce a quality fish on occasion.

Bring a variety of plugs and try to use intermediate tackle when you are searching. That is, perhaps a seven footer with medium to heavy action. Try the tackle out in your back yard. You want to be able to throw everything form a five inch Rebel or Bomber, to Danny, Super Strike, or Atom Jr. swimmer. You may not achieve maximum effeciency casting all sizes of plugs, but as long as you can get the job done, good enough. This outfit should also be able to snag bunker. Oh yes, bring a snagger!

Now the all important where to. Everybody wants a road map. Well, in some cases it is possible. If you want blackfish in October and November I'll draw you a map that leads to either Eatons Neck 11 B buoy, or the rock pile around Orient. If you want big flounder in May, it's Gardiner's Island or Montauk's Shagwong. However, the word doldrums should conjure up in your mind the idea that surf fishing in July and August is no piece of cake. There are no road maps.

However, if you are new to all this and don't have a list of favorite spots to fish, then at least I can put you in the same ball park I find myself in. As I right this, I haven't caught a fish in weeks and I'm getting disgusted. So, at this point you and I are on the same footing, because as I make suggestions in this article they represent my intentions for the coming week.

Oh yes, I just got off the phone with a buddy who tells me there was some hot action in Fire Island inlet on blues and weaks for the lucky guys who braved the week long pattern of thunderstorms and headed to the beach. Well, step one is not to get depressed about that. Step two is don't chase the rainbow because the odds say it will not be there when you are.

Okay, so here's my game plan. Sunday I will try an inlet. Pick an inlet, any inlet. It doesn't matter. Pick one you know best. I'll probably end up at Jones or Fire Island, I haven't decided. if that pans out there I'll go back on Monday, but if it doesn't I'll try the Sound. I'll probably make a tour of a couple of harbors at sunset. If I find bunker, I'm likely to find gamefish, probably blues. After the harbor go-round, I'll fish a beach. Again, I don't know which yet. it will be a last minute flip of the coin, with a short accompanying prayer.

If that doesn't work, I'll head for a beach where I can fish cut bait. Robert Moses and Jones Beach close to the jetty aren't bad choices, but then if I saw any bait along the Sound beaches I trid on Monday, then I'll throw bait there since in the summer fish may respond to bait eagerly and not look at a plug.

I do a lot of walking in the summer. I walk and stop and listen. It is usually still on summer nights and that means you'll hear any fish breaking on bait. Walk in the water at each spot you have tried. Is there heavy "fire." If so, you are probably wasting your time. A little "fire" isn't bad and can even help. Do you see bait in your light? How much? A few pieces means nothing, while a bunch may be important.

I don't fish Montauk, but it sure is a great spot to snag a fish or two during the summer doldrums. All the spots could potentially be productive from Shagwong to the light, to the rocks on the south side. You've got a real good shot at drilling out a fish at Montauk and a decent chance of heavy duty action. As I type this, I've heard there are lots of bass and some blues at Montauk's Shagwong Point after dark.

If you care to, let me know how your game plan goes. Gee, I sure need a good fish or two, or three, or ...

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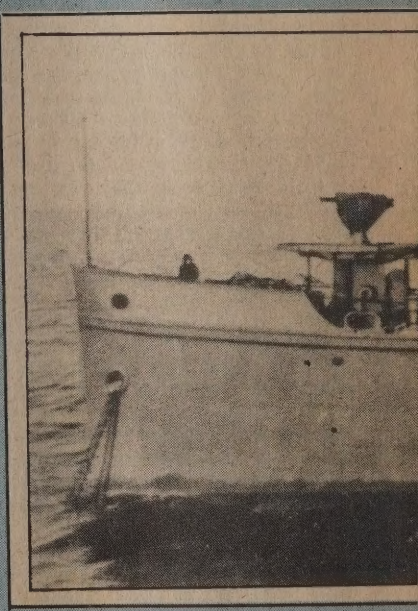
Great Isaac

By John N. Raguso

"Suddenly, the tremendous bow of the Norwegian freighter loomed up out of the grey mist, . . ."



It was late Wednesday night, April 16th, 1947. The sea-going Great Isaac, owned by the Maritime Commission and operated under the general agency of the Moran Towing and Transportation Company, was enroute from Norfolk to the port of New York. She was towing the liberty ship Thomas M. Cooley, which was manned by a skeleton crew, when the Great Isaac encountered a dense, heavy fog just south of the Barnegat Lightship, less than 55 nautical miles from her destination.

The tug's master, Captain Ernest McCreary, immediately brought his speed down and sounded the regulation signals with his fog horn for limited visibility maneuvering. Somewhere, out in the shroud of the dark, gloomy mist, he could hear the deep and resonant signal of a much larger vessel. All hands on the bridge were alerted to this potential danger, and scanned ahead and a beam with a more profound purpose.

Not too far away, Captain Leif Bjornstad, master of the 3,806 ton Norwegian freighter Bandeirante, was enroute from New York Harbor to Cuba, when he suddenly found his vessel enveloped in the same inpenetrable fog. He too, brought his speed down and began to sound his required signals for limited visibility steaming. Neither he nor his bridge watch heard any response to their fog horn's clarion wail.

Meanwhile, back on the Tug Great Isaac, the concern was becoming more intense. The fog horn of the other vessel seemed like it was getting closer, but it did not respond to the Issac's own signal. Suddenly, the tremendous bow of the Norwegian freighter loomed up out of the grey mist, hovered over the tug for a split second, and then crashed into the Great Isaac amidships on the port side, driving her prow six feet into the bowels of the Isaac's engine room. Just a split second before the crash, one of the lookouts on the Bandeirante ascertained the shadow of the tug directly in her path, and Captain Bjornstad ordered full speed astern at the helm, but it was too late to prevent the inevitable collision.

Water cascaded into the gaping hole in the Great Isaac's hull at a tremendous rate, and the vessel began sinking fast. Captain McCreary gave the order to abandon ship. He and his crew took to the life boats.

All 27 crew members of the Great Isaac were rescued by the Norwegian Freighter within 1/2 hour after the collision took place. Despite the sudden nature of the crash, combined with the fact that it took place on a dark, foggy night, there were no fatalities or serious injuries. According to New York Times interviews with the survivors after the incident, 24-year-old deckhand Vernie Cross reported a laceration of his right thumb when lowering one of the lifeboats, and oiler Albert McCabe, one of the Isaac's elder statesmen at 59, dropped his false teeth overboard in the commotion. Other than the crew losing all of their personal effects, the abandon-ship procedure and subsequent rescue came off fairly smoothly.

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Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: April 16, 1947

Displacement: 1,117 tons

Hull Construction: Steel

Hull Condition: Intact, Laying over on port side

Depth of Water: 85′

Depth Over Wreck: 65′-70′

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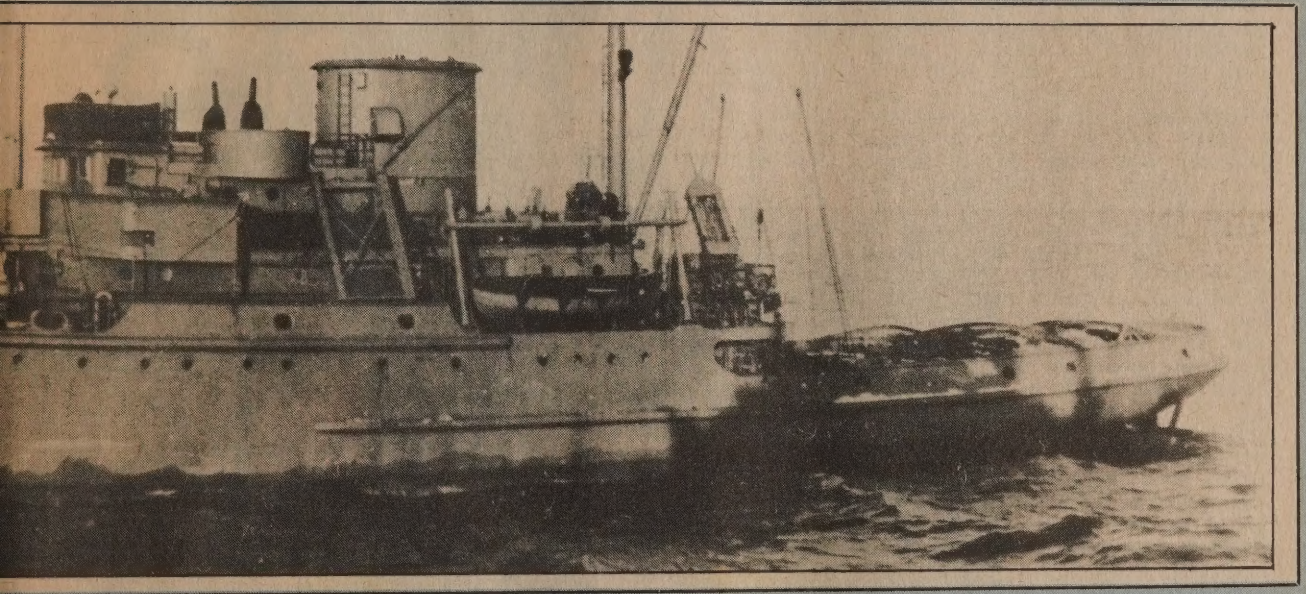
After the Bandeirant picked-up the last of the tug's crew, she held her position in the choppy waters, standing by the Isaac's tow, the Thomas M. Cooley, until 7:30 a.m. the following morning. By that time, another tug, the Trinidad Head, had the chance to make it down from New York to the collision side, hitching up the drifting liberty ship to complete her tow to New york. The Great Isaac's unmanned life boats were then taken in tow by the Cutter Mohawk, which proceeded to Cape May, and the Bandeirante returned back to New York with two giant holes in her bow, situated above the waterline. The single-screw tug, Great Isaac, eventually sunk at the collision point, in 85′ of water, approximately 10 miles offshore.

Diver/author Bill Davis describes the attitude of the Great Isaac in specific detail in his recent book, "Shipwrecks Off The Central New Jersey Coast." I called him recently and he was kind enough to share even more pertinant data for those who desire to venture to the Isaac's final resting place for some fine bottom fishing. Bill described the tug as being fully intact,



and laying hard over on her port side, where she was rammed by the Bandeirante. The Great Isaac is totally encrusted with mussels, from stem to stern, and Bill said that on the last trip he made there back in June of this year, there were hundreds of blackfish up to 15 lbs. gorging themselves on this shellfish bounty. The Great Isaac's steel hull is in very good shape, and considering her 15′-20′ profile off the seabed, the tug should be fairly easy to find on your computer graph recorder or color scope. Bill Davis went on to say that in his dozen or so trips out to the Isaac, he's never encountered any predator fish like blues, sharks or tuna, so put this one down in your little black book as a tautog wreck of the highest standards. Bill also confirms that this wreck's loran numbers are right on the beam.

Next week, we're going to venture a few miles to the north, to cover the tragic end of the Cuban steamship Chaparra at the hands of an Imperial German Navy U-Boat.

PORT	DISTANCE (Naut. Mi.)	HEADING TO	FROM
Shark River Inlet	33.4	188	008
Manasquan Inlet	28.1	186	006
Barnegat Inlet	9.5	146	326
Little Egg/Beach Haven Inlets	16.3	076	256
Absecon Inlet	26.7	066	246

Blues like this prefer big, noisy popping plugs.

By Fred Laager

Bluefish are hunt-by-sight predators and so am I. Whenever I see signs of feeding fish, whether it be a panicking school of menhaden or a mere dimple along the water's edge I investigate the possibility that a large fish is feeding. I cast a lure at the spot and hope for the best. Most of the time the lure will come back to the rod untouched and what seemed to be the

Set Your Sights On Blues

sign of a large predator on the prowl becomes one of those many unsolved mysteries of the deep but, on those rare occasions when I least expect it, the water behind the lure bulges and the surface erupts. The lure is taken in a bold and savage swipe and a battle ensues. Minutes go by as the fish fights for its life doing tail flips and tail walks; taking line in screaming runs until he can run no more. Finally, as his strength diminishes the fish draws near and rolls across the surface toward my waiting hands. I lift him and admire his strong and savage form, noticing that bright yellow eye that is the key to his success. I quickly remove the hook from his mouth and hold him in the water to revive him. Suddenly, as his strength returns I see his eyes go bright as he rockets back toward the deep, perhaps a bit wiser for his experience; a fish that will be more wary and harder to catch the next time.

Bluefish are primarily visual feeders. In studies conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, captured bluefish were observed in a laboratory tank and evidence was obtained on the bluefish's pattern of prey capture and the relationship of prey size to feeding motivation. Scientists Bori L. Olla, Harvey M. Katz and Anne L. Studholme observed that bluefish have an initial perception to prey because they could sense the introduction of bait into their tank before they actually saw it, but they also noted that upon introducing the bait (mummichogs or common killifish were the entire menu), the bluefish would visually fix upon the intended target by turning the eyes forward. The bluefish would then pursue the bait, increasing his swimming speed until he had made contact with the target. As the bluefish ingested the prey, it would turn sharply 90 to 180 degrees to the right or the left from the direction of its attack. After eating, the bluefish would turn again toward the point of prey entry as if to make another attack.

It was also noted in the study that bluefish can be excited by seeing larger prey after they had already been satiated by eating smaller fish. In one experiment the bluefish had had their fill of small prey, indicated by a sharp drop in prey capture, but upon introduction of larger mummichogs into their tank the bluefish again began to feed. The large prey apparently stimulated the bluefish to resume feeding at a greater intensity. The scientists observed that the elements of visual fixation, swimming toward the prey, orientation and ingestion are all indicative of a fish who is primarily a visual feeder.

For anglers interested in learning to catch bluefish or for those who have caught them in the past and who have always wondered why certain traditional methods were used, the information contained in this study is both illuminating and educational. Remember that bluefish, upon hitting a bait, will circle back to the point of attack as if to look for stray pieces of bitten bait previously left behind. To capitalize on this behavior an angler must place a lure or bait exactly on the spot where a bluefish has hit a target. For instance, when a bluefish strikes a bunker on the surface, a smart angler will put a chunk bait, a popper or swimmer plug immediately and exactly on the spot of the disturbance. If indeed the bluefish will circle back, the lure or bait will be inhaled almost instantly as it hits the water. Accuracy and speed in casting is a must if the angler is to reap the rewards of this method of fishing.

Bluefish turn 90 to 180 degrees after a bait is struck. For anglers working popping or any other surface plugs it is important to lift the rod tip when you see the fish hit (the opposite of this is true for striped bass where one who fishes popping plugs sets the hook when he **feels** the fish, not when he **sees** the strike). Stiff rods are more applicable for bluefish work because they give the fish more to pull against and most often bluefish will set the hooks themselves when a stiff rod is used. Bluefish are a tough-mouthed species, so don't be afraid to apply a good amount of pressure to the fish if your rod, reel, line and hook can take it.

Bluefish are primarily visual feeders, so bright, noisy, attractant type lures will sometimes grab their attention even when they have been previously feeding on small, less noticeable bait. On many occasions while fishing bunker in a livelined fashion, I've noticed that bluefish also like to bite the tail off the bait to immobilize it before going in for the coup de grace. Perhaps when a lure is moving quickly the bluefish's instinct assumes that the part in the back is the tail and this gives him a more noticeable and distinct target to aim for. Because of its movement the lure might excite the bluefish into pursuit and its action might single it out from the non-edible debris found in most waters. Striped bass fishermen have found that by letting a lure sit motionless in the water they could avoid hooking a bluefish and almost selectively catch striped bass alone. On one occasion while fly fishing for blues, I retrieved a large streamer with three blues trailing in hot pursuit. As I paused stripping in the fly, I watched as the bluefish broke off their attack as the fly sat still. When I moved the fly again, they resumed the chase. When I stopped, they stopped. When the fly moved again, they chased it again. Clearly, movement excited them to attack.

Of course, there are limits to the color, size and action of a lure that a bluefish might find pleasing, but don't be afraid to put on a 10 inch plug even when the average sand eel in the water is under three inches long. To get the best out of the attracting aspects of a large plug and the hook setting qualities of a small lure, seasoned anglers have found that tying a teaser either in front or behind a plug does the trick on finicky fish. A teaser is a small hook dressed in either hair or rubber that resembles a small baitfish. The plug does the attention getting and the teaser does the catching. Sometimes there will be fish on both.

So this summer when the bluefish are in look for signs of feeding fish near the surface and be prepared for action. Practice your casting so that you can put your lure exactly where you want it and always be prepared to cast when the fish has hit the surface. Carry an extra rod and always keep it rigged so that if a lure or bait is out, and a feeding fish is spotted, you can pick up the extra rod and blast a cast out toward the mark on a second's notice. Have a few teasers rigged up and collect a good selection of poppers and swimmers to choose from. Always keep the lure moving and always be prepared for a strike. Fishing is not an easy sport to master and to be good at it you must practice. Remember, fishermen who consistently catch fish are those who fish consistently. Good fishing and good luck!

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East End Report

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Summer fishing is in full swing now, with very high water temperatures offshore. Catches of exotic ocean species, usually caught well offshore, made news this week. The first sailfish ever brought into Montauk was made only 23 miels off the point on the **Adios**. A 100 pound swordfish was captured on the **Blue Fin** while on a shark trip 15 miles off the point. A blue marlin favored a tuna bait, caught on the "Hooker" only 15 miles out. Inshore, fluke action came alive with good catches of big fish on private and party boats. The historic run of summer cod continues at Cox's Ledge.

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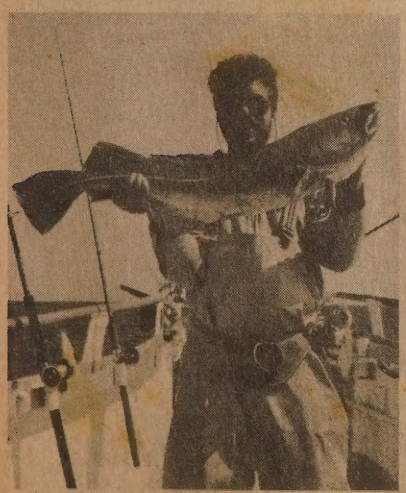
Last Wednesday, the first sailfish every brought into Montauk was caught on the charter boat **Adios** while sharking 23 miles off the point. The fish was fought by 17 year old Sean Wendell, on a shark trip arranged by Dr. Allen Shapiro. The sailfish measured 65½ inches long. We understand the water temperature was 76.5 degrees, and the area alive with bait fish.

Capt. Phil Lewis also reported the release of a mako, estimated to weigh about 5 pounds, on Tuesday's charter with Bill Caroll. A mako was taken by Richard Milkowski on Friday's trip. IA large tiger shrk, which took a tuna bait on mono line, was fought for a while by Jeff Becker on Sunday's trip.

Just when the furor over the sailfish died down, another exotic fish was hooked up and successfully boated on



Tom Devine shows a nice cod taken on the "Viking Starship" during a recent run to Georges Bank.

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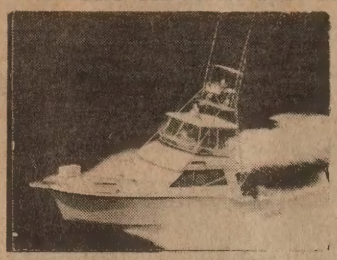

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the **Blue Fin I** on Sunday's trip with Peter Sasso. According to Capt. Tom Fay, the area he decided to set up a chum slick for shark, about 15 miles form the Point, was alive with life: whales, leaping tuna, hammerhead shark, showers of bait. Capt. Tom baited a whole bunker on a tuna hook while waiting for shark. The bait was hit very lightly about 11:30 a.m. and it was not until the fish was gaffed at 12 noon, that it was identified as a swordfish. Back at the dock, the trophy weighed 100 pounds and measured about 6 feet. In other action, anglers on the **Blue Fin** concentrated on bluefish, catching all they could handle, mostly on trolled umbrella rigs, some on diamond jigs. There are a few available weekday charter dates open. Call Tom for information.

A lot of excitement was generated by the 458 pound blue marlin caught while trolling for tuna bouat 15 miels off the point on Sunday aboard the "Hooker." The fish took a large "canyon lure" according to Capt. David Kohlus. The fish was gaffed after a 1½ hour fight and weighed at **Tuna's Dock & Tackle.** Giving the marina report, Gayle spoke of shark and cod on trips on the **Blue Moon** during the week; blues, bonito and cod for charters on **Oh Brother.** Dolphin have been spotted and caught in warm water at the shark and tuna grounds.

Carl Darenberg, Jr. head of offshore water temperatures ranging from 69 to 80 degrees. A mako shark which weighed 421½ pounds at **Montauk Marine Basin** late Saturday night was caught on the **Cricket II.** A group from the Morgan Stanley Brokerage House, on their second annual charter included Barry Bergman, Dan Tlacentra, Bob Boreyer, Dwight Sittrelle and John MacKenzi. We understand that they all took turns on the rod during the 3½ hour fight. A large ocean heave, possibly caused by the offshore storm, made the trip even more memorable since all anglers "paid the price" of uncomfortable sea conditions. On Friday, a 129 pound tuna was caught on "Leilani II" during the Northeast Saltwater Fishing Club's annual tournament.

Fantastic summer codfishing continues at Cox's Ledge. On Tuesday's charter trip on the **Vivienne** with Capt. John DeMaio, David Cohen, Joshua Frazier and I caught 68 cod ranging from 4 to 15 pounds, with the average weight 6 to 8 pounds. Later in the week, Capt. John located a 34 pounder.

Capt. Steve Forsberg related that anglers on the **Viking Star** counted anywhere from 5 to 25 cod per person on trips during the week, with fish ranging from 4 to 18 pounds during the week. On Sunday's trip to a wreck, two cod weighed over 30 pounds. Eleven pollock were also caught.

Ed Meyer of Mastic Beach called us to report the "best bluefish trip of his life" on the **Viking Starship** last Tuesday night. He said he landed 45 blues, lost as many, and saw 3 or 4 blues followin up each fish he caught. Ed baited his blues with mackerel chunks. The same night, walter Heitlinger quit fishing at midnight when 63 blues filled his Igloo coolers. Walter used glow jigs. The blues ranged from 5 to 12 pounds, were caught off Block Island. The **Viking Starlite** fluke catches picked up

towards the weekend, with a couple of dozen keepers each 1/2 day trip.

We heard that Mary ann Nicoletti finally entered the pool on the **Marlin V** on here trip last Monday, winning all the money with a 6½ pound fluke, the largest of 90 fish caught on the boat. With fluking improving daily, an 8½ pounder took the pool on Tuesday. **Marlin V** makes two fluke trdips daily, sailing from Salivar's Dock. Sunset cruises are scheduled daily at 7 p.m.

Larry Marx, fishing in the bow of the **Lazybones** on Tuesday morning first thought he was stuck in the bottom. The "bottom" turned out to be a doormat fluke of 11½ pounds! Larry's nephew Jeffrey Rothman managed to get a bunch of sea bass. On the afternoon trip, Phil Drutsch, a Montauk resident, took the pool with a 7 pounder. Capt. Vegessi reported that fluke catches are increasing daily, with bail jobs on Saturday and Sunday. Fred Shay gave all aboard a demonstration in fluke catching when counted 17 keepers in his cooler. **Lazybones** is making two fluke trips a day, reservations are suggested.

Capt. Artie Lach noted a great improvement on fluke catches made on the **Wilhelric II** this past week, noting 30 to 50 keepers per trip, with an equal amount of shorts. Some very large fish were caught this week. Gene Pfalser of the "Gruesome Threesom," the group that uses bucktail teasers, managed to coax a 10 pounder to his hook. On Wednesday morning, Doc Clyne took the pool with a 3½ pounder in the morning. Things picked up in the afternoon when Mrs. Mary Clyne managed three fluke over 4 pounds. Thursday's morning trip accounted for 50 keepers, less, but bigger fish Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning Artie Hersch of East Hampton captured 5 fluke, tow in the 6 pound range, and lost the pool. He returned on Sunday, caught 6 fish to 5 pounds and still lost the pool. The **Wilhelric II** makes tow trips a day, sailing from Christman's Dock.

Sam Gershowitz, owner of the **Star Island Yacht Club** fished the Hudson Canyon in the Capt. Bill's Tournament, returning with 2 bigeye and 14 yellowfin tuna, plus a 14 pound bull dolphin. While the "Scorpio" caught no tuna on Saturday, she did return with an 83 pound white marlin. "Hawksnest" fished Cox's Ledge fro 36 cod on the weekend. Lenny reported an increase in fluke catches by those fishing the areas from Rocky Point through Gin Beach. One local fisherman showed off a catch of 14 weakfish, ranging in weight from 10 to 14 pounds.

A rundown of activities on charter boats based at **Gone Fishing Marina** included tuna, shark and bass. Capt. Jeff Pickens of the charter boat **Florence B** located a yellowfin of 60 pounds and a bluefin weighing 100 pounds on a charter trip with Tom Faxio and his friend Jim from the Summer Activites Pool Co. Another charter trip with an angler named Pete, located 3 bluein up to 90 pounds fishing south of Block Island. The group also caught 16 dolphin inbetween tuna bites. A group from Rick Aldrict Roofing Co connected with an 85 pound bluefin, fishing south of Block. Unreported in last week's edition was the catch of 4 tuna to 125 pounds. Capt. Jeff noted that the tuna

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On Tuesday's trip on the charter boat **Caprice**, Capt. Al Drossner of the Sheepshead Bay based boat "Apache V" caught two bushels of jumbo porgies to 2½ pounds with his friends Arnie and George. On Thursday, Dennis Grammas enjoyed very good bass action, using diamond jigs in Pollock Rip. On Thursday night, using live eels, the mate Eric Stark caught a 52 pound trophy bass. Capt. Bob Storc has some open dates for the August full moon. Call him at 516-671-7690 for information.

Tuna fishing the past week resulted in two yellowfin and a bluefin with the largest a 168 pound allison tuna cuaght by Dr. Bob Laceman on the charter boat **Alyssa Ann,** according to Capt. Bill Ricca. Each day sees a lot of shark action on combination shark/tuna trips, with the most caught one day, 4 blue sharks plus a brown fought and released.

TJ noted that the **Fisherman II** is now sailing from Freeport, making special tuna trips to the Mud Hole, and will return to Montauk for the late summer tuna run. Last Wednesday, a giant tuna was hooked up with Capt. Paul Giangreco, Paul Jr., Dave and TJ aboard, Chris Nolte on the rod. Thirty minutes into the battle, trouble developed with the rudder. Unable to steer, Capt. Paul passed the rod to the Freeport boat "Kristin" whose crew continued the fight and subdued the fish which weighed 750 pounds back in Freeport. The crew of the **Fisherman II** sends their gratitude for the aid and cooperation offered by the "Kristin." We heard at 3 p.m. on Sunday that Capt. Paul had another giant tuna aboard which he estimated to be as large or larger than the one caught on Wednesday, had we heading back to Freeport.

As the best summer of codfishing in many years continues, many boats berthed at **Gone Fishing Marina** are getting in on the action. A group including Tom, Danny and Ralph travelled from Point Lookout on their boat "Penguin II" for a catch of 80 cod to 37½ pounds. The owners of the "Partnership" spent the entire week codfishing, counting anywhere from 74 to 152 cod per day, with top weight 36 pounds. TJ notes that a call to the Marina can arrange a codfish charter trip. Fluking is definitely improving. Two 7½ pound fluke were seen on "J.B." on Sunday. Some anglers are travelling to Block Island where a good school of fluke were in at the Harbor Buoy at New Harbor. Porgy catches are imiproving daily at the Point with blues very cooperative at the Sub Buoy. The offshore scene includes plenty of blue and brown shark, with a smattering of tuna around as proved by the 80 pound yellowfin caught on the "Contagious" on the weekend.

Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** reports a smattering of tuna on offshore trolling trips, with blue and brown sharks on shark trips. However, on a charter this week Bob Fattizzi, Ron Tesoro and their friends did an excellent job fighting a 218 pound mako which made 5 jumps during the encounter. The number of makos caught at Montauk is increasing every day. Inshore fishing for blues and bass is very steady, with some keepers among the linesiders.

Customers are arm weary, catching enough bluefish, now mixed with bonito on this week's trdip on **Sea Boots** said Capt. Charlie Martinez. Inshore, fluke are

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steady. The **Atomic III** is sailing her first canyon trip this Wednesday, look for the report in next week's issue. Meantime, whale watching tdrips have been quite successful with 1/2 dozen or more whales sighted each day. Call for reservations on this. Night cruises began August 1st, with an exciting live band, "Origin" on the weekend.

Saturday's charter with Tony Lopez resulted in 46 fluke to 4 pounds along with 15 sea bass, fishing at Gardiner's Island on the **Julie III.** Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished the south side with Doug and Paul on Sunday for 89 sea bass to 3½ pounds, 110 porgies to 3 pounds and 32 bluefish.

Over at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals,** Brian Smith knew of blues and fluke acaught as close at the Montauk jetties. Last week, the Lakeman family, Officer John with his wife Lois and their children did a combination sea bass and fluke trip. Five year old Deborah managed to reel in a 14" fluke, 8 year old Paula handled a two pound fluke.

Bridget gave us a rundown of the catches on some of the charter boats based at **West Lake Fishing Lodge and Marina:** During the week the **Daybreaker III** returned with a 50 pound bluefin. On Saturday, a 20 pound dolphin was caught, Sunday's trip resulted in two big tuna, possibly giants, hooked up but lost on 100 pound test line.

"Good Time Charley" went to Cox's Ledge for cod on the weekend, returning with catches of 50 and 70 to 25 pounds. On Sunday's trip Jim Leskody successfully fought and landed a 92 pound dusky on the codfish grounds.

The "Kenglow" reported catching a 60 pound yellowfin plus a 69 pound mako. Many hammerhead shark were sighted as was a great white which wouldn't take any baits.

Trips on the charter boat **Jeanie-Q** saw a lot of action with blue shark, all of which were tagged and released. A 100 pound bluefin was brought back during the week. Inshore action with bluefish was very good.

A 50 pound mako was caught on the **Orion** on Saturday's trip, a 175 pound brown shark was fought and released Sunday. Saturday's charter trip to Cox's Ledge on the "Pisces" returned with so many codfish, that the fillets filled two big coolers, and weighed in excess of 450 pounds.!

Capt. Joe Martinek boated a 50 pound white marlin and a load of sea bass on a couple of weekday trips last week. On the weekend 40 big blues, all over 10 pounds were located on the **Rum 'N Coke.** A 60 pound blue shark was released.

Capt. Tom McKinley of the charter boat **Sundowner** has been averaging 2 to 3 tuna per trip, on 4 trips sailed this week. All were bluefin, ranging form 70 to 100 pounds.

Monster bluefish, some weighing over 17 pounds, were trolled on the **Tara-Dawn** at the Sub Buoy on charters with Capt. Pete Lynch. Anglers on the "Wee Mac" managed to locate a 10 pound blackfish along with a load of average size sea bass.

Other tuna seen at the marina include two 70 pound yellowfins caught by Matt Traina and his dad, and a 65 pound yellowfin cuaght by Ken Henggler. Although some marina customers said fluking was spotty, one angler was seen filetting a mess of fluke, five of them

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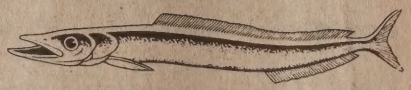

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Working the ebb tide south of buoy 33 in Moriches Bay paid off for Michael Mellon. The 4 lb. fluke he's holding was taken out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

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Harvey Bennet of **The Tackle Shop** reports an upswing in fluke catches since last Thursday, with anglers reporting terrific catches fishing in Napeague Bay and north to Eastern Plains Point. Porgy catches remain stable on the West Side of Gardiners Island, blues ere reliable both off Cherry Harbor and off Cedar Point.

SOUTH FORK

George Pharoah gave a rundown of fishing activities by anglers based at **Bayview Marine & Tackle:** Plenty of blues were caught off Sammy's Beach at the entrance to Three Mile Harbor by fellows using popping plugs or tins cast from their boats. Porgy catches remained aconsistent for those fishing Cedar Point. Big blues were available in Plum Gut, along with a few stripers. The key here is to fish any moving waters. Fluke fishing remains good in areas off Gardiners, with some anglers finding best success north of the Ruins. Locally, nice fluke were caught off Cedar Point and Barcelona Neck.

Fluking remains red hot in Shinnecock Bay. Bruce McDonald and a friend fished all day Tuesday, making drifts in the East Channel and off the Coast Guard Station, counting a total of 75 fluke back at the dock at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in Southampton.

Thom Speckenbach, reporting from **Speck's Bait & Tackle** spoke of fluke catches being excellent in Shinnecock Bay, with bluefish thinning a bit at the Inlet and Ponquogue Bridge. At Gardiner's Island fluke catches remain steady, with bluefishing consistent. Triggerfish and sea bass were caught on worms and clams fished at Shinnecock Inlet. Snappers are getting bigger, with some in the 4 to 6 inch size caught at Towd Point.

Capt. Frank found a 115 pound mako fishing only 20 miles offshore on the cahrter baot **Wanderer.** A 7½ pound fluke was admired at **Altenkirch and Son** on Saturday. Apparently, S.J. Schmidt, who lives in Hoboken, but spends his summers in the Hamptons, was fishing in the Basket when he got hit by this doormat. Since he neglected to bring a net along for the trip, S.J. adroitly lowered his cooler into the water to trap the big fish. A bucktail baited with squid and a sand eel did the trick. Shinnecock Canal anglers should fish under the Montauk Highway Bridge for fluke, fish at the new jetty on the north side of the canal for porgies. Try tough bait such as squid for the many blowfish that came into the canal during the week. Snappers have now grown to about 4 inches long.

Best fluke catches by anglers renting skiffs from **Oscar's Fishing Station** continue to be made off the Caost Guard Station, the Commercial Docks and Buoy 17, said Mike. Catches during the past week include: 20 fluke by Hank Schubert; 26 by Tom Tannessen and his friend; a dozen each by Thomas Ehring and Joe Tatarka; Pat Padlallo caught 10. On Friday, Jim Hade and friends returned with 48 fluke; Mr. Bento has stayed with flounder catching another 31 just outside the fishing station. It must be noted that the waters of Shinnecock Bay are sparkling clear!

Capt. Jim Delano located fluke and bass on 1/2 charter trips on the **Peace of Mind** on the weekend. A trip with Betty Keiner resulted in 29 fluke plus a couple of 12 pound blues, plus 6 short bass. On

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Bob Scattergood fished on "Scatt 3" in 160 feet of water southeast of Shinnecock Inlet on the weekend. A tiger shark, estimated at 500 to 600 pounds was brought to the baot after a 2½ hour fight, admired and released. Lanny Molnar of **Molnar's Landing** saw plenty of dolphin, including a female of 21 pounds trolling at the Dip and Fishtails.

South Shore Report

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke fishing continues to highlight the south shore action with a majority of the flatties being taken falling into the keeper category. Key to the fishing remains catching the last half of the flood and the first couple of hrs. of the outgoing currant. Small blues are around both bays and inlets but ocean bluefishing has been inconsistant. Still some stripers available in both inlets for liveliners and clam chummers taking fish in Fl. Snappers now at all their usual haunts but still on the small side and crabbing appears to be very good in most areas.

Offshore action continues to disapoint the vast majority of blue water anglers although there have been a few exceptions.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Real good fluking with 70% keepers according to Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Morich-**

Eight year old Scott Edgett landed this 3.6 lb. fluke on his dad's boat in Great South Bay. Photo courtesy of Captree Bait and Tackle.

es. Best scores are being made between buoy's 38 and 41 and at Buoy 29 on the flood tide and at the Elbow and the West Cut on the ebb tide. Gary said most boats are returning with 1 to 2 dozen keepers providing they catch a good part of the tide. Still some flounder being taken in the bay but most people have been concentrating their efforts on the fluke. Snappers and crabs in the cove next to the station.

Ed Meyer and his son Kevin worked south of buoy 29 early in the week. Catching the end of the ebb and first of the flood, the pair put 16 flounder into the bucket. They also had a couple of small weaks which grabbed their sand worm baits. On Wed. morning, father and son team added 10 more flounder to the freezer, south of 29. Switching over to fluke on the flood tide, they put away 8 keepers to 3 lbs. drifting between buoys 41 and 42. They used squid/smelt combos.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue** Paul Graniello reported a catch of 30 snappers and 11 crabs for 10 yr. old Shaun and 11 yr. old Brian May at Tuthills Creek. Paul call the snapper fishing at the local docks good with some very good crabbing going on in the creeks and canals. Fluke fishing remains very good in both Moriches and Great South Bays. Chris and Jeff Van Houten, 15 and 9 yrs. old respectively, put away 10 fluke and pair of 4 lb. weaks while drifting West Channel with their dad on Tues. Gary Parks, fishing with his youngsters, Gary, Evan and Melissa watched the trio take 11 keeper fluke and 6 flounder out in Moriches at mid week. Paul noted that many customers reported catches of 12 to 20 keepers this week. Buoys 38 and 39 in Moriches have been specially productive while in Great South Bay the fish have been spread from Kismet to the bridge. Paul put an impressive weakfish on the scale for Ed Harrold of the Patchogue Fishing Club. Ed used a 007 jig to take a 13.4 lb. tiderunner from his boat up at Crane's Neck in LI Sound. Live eels continue to attract stripers on night tides. Nick Sorrenti and Randy Bestafla weighed and released stripers of 16 and 18 lbs. Wed. night in Moriches Inlet. Best bet for bluefish has been to concentrate in the vicinity of the Inlet.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale looked over a catch of 21 blues in the 3 to 4 lb. class taken by Tom Silhan on Thurs. Tom worked right outside FI Inlet with jigs. One customers stopped by the shop to show a catch of 16 fluke made near the Lighthouse on Sat. morning. Fluke fishing remains very good from Ocean Beach to the Bridge and at the Inlet. Key to the fishing remains fishing the last half of the flood and the first of the outgoing. Snappers are being taken from the West Sayville dock along with some crabs. Snappers are still on the smaller side. Ditto for the Great River docks.

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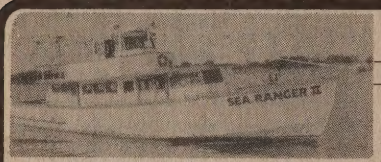

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Robin Davis seems mighty pleased with the 5.1 lb. fluke she caught aboard the Captree charter boat, "Blue Albatross III" on July 2nd.

ing to Curt Delano at **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **Oakdale.** Killie and squid combos drifted on the last couple of hrs. of the flood tide, and the first couple of hrs. of outgoing working best. Still some bass being picked from the Inlet areas on live eels and blues continue to be taken on 007's, 17's and umbrella rigs in the bay and inlet. Crabs are at all the local docks and snappers are around but still small. Small Kastmasters and small spearing have been effective on the young blues.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bayshore** filed a similar report concerning the fin fluke fishing underway in the FI area. He emphasized that the best catches are being made on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb. Small blues are at the Inlet in the early morning and evenings on 007's and umbrella rigs. Some bigger blues to the southeast in 75' oif water on jigs, chum or trolled umbrella rigs. A few white marlin made a showing this week but tuna have been quiet inshore of the Canyon. Snappers are around but small and crabbing remains excellent. Traps work best but some good scores also being made at night by jackers..

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bayshore** open boat **Laura Lee** described the fluke fishing as fabulous. He dsescribed the catch of Royal and Jean Hall on Sun. The pair put away 36 keeper fluke between them. The skipper called the fishing consistantly excellent under the right tide conditions. Fishing is being done near Ocean Beach, West Channel, and Sexton Island. A 6 lb., 3 oz. fluke caught on Sat. by Joe Bonanno is the new leader in the boats Free Fishing For Life Contest.

Bluefishing has been inconsistant but the excellent fluke fishing has compensated for it according to Bobby Sprenger at **Captree Bait & Tackle.** Everyone has been raving about the fluke fishing which is best on the last of the flood and first of the ebb from West Channel to the Inlet. Pier fishermen are also getting in on the action with some good catches being

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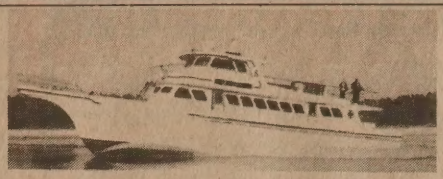

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made from Fisherman's Walk and the Overlook Pier. Snappers have showed up at the docks but are really too small.

Capt. Jim McKoy of the **Captree** charter boat **Shear Water III**, relayed word that he fished a party headed by Ernie Hernandez on Sat. The morning was spent putting away a mess of cocktail blues at the Inlet while in the afternoon, a fine catch of fluke was added to the box drifting between buoy's 2 and 8 on the flood tide.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** described the fluking as excellent all week with keepers making up 60 to 75% of the catch depending on the day. The last couple of hrs. of the flood tide and the first couple hrs. of the ebb have been paying big dividends. The skipper noted that even when tide are not ideal there has been a better than decent pick of fish. Fishing is being done from West Island all the way to the Inlet. Evening trips for Bay and Inlet blues were consistant all week with 50 to 100 small blues each trip. Occassional weakfish and bass are mixed with the blues. Carl noted that he will be running these trips on a daily basis now from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** called the fluke fishing good and steady with 100 to 250 keepers taken each day this week including several respectible fish. Among them were a 6.3 lber., a 5 lber., and another fish of 4.10 lbs. Bluefishing has been erratic with very good fishing one night followed by slow fishing the next. The skipper has been concentrating most of his efforts on Patchogue grounds.

From **Augies Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, John Gattuso noted that fluke fishing has been holding up vbery well with some super catches being reported by boatman working along south Beach on the last of the flodd and the first of the ebb. The Inlet was alive with small blues several mornings this past week and they're being tolled on Umbrella rigs or taken on 007 jigs. Some weaks in the 8 to 10 lbs. class fell to live bait at the Inlet this

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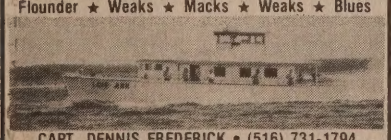

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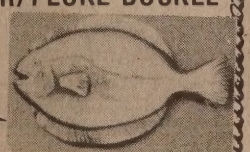

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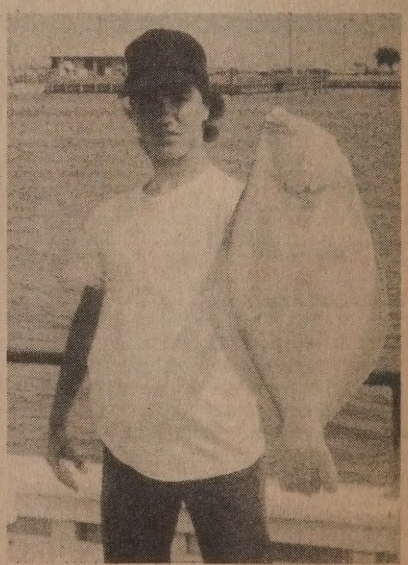
week as well. Plenty of snappers areound and crabbing has beeen very good with traps working best. A reminder from John to return egg laden females.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** spoke of another good week of fluking with the best action taking place between the Lighthouse and the Inlet on the last of the flood tide. Regular Richy Dattore walked off the boat with 13 keepers on one of the weekday trips.

Really good fluking providing you catch the right tide according to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Last half of the flood and first of the ebb is the keey to the fishing. Mike added that it was a slow pick on bass this week but livelin-ers got in some shots at big weakfish. The offshore seen has been quiet and action at the Mud Hole has slowed. Ocean blue-fishing has been inconsistant. Snappers now around all the docks but still on the small side.

Across the way at **Charlie's Bait & Tackle,** Penny Schaefer reported a catch of 6 fluke to 3 lbs. and 2 small blues for Tom Favilla and Mike Shanamian on Sun. Morning. Also on Sun., Doug and Chris Poulan and John and Jeff Maglia used killies east of the bridge to put away 32 keeper fluke. Dave Duffy trecked out to Moriches one day during the week and returned with 25 fluke and a couple of small blues taken on killies and sand eels. Also running out to Moriches this week were Phil Franke and Mike Donegan. The pair returned with 7 fluke to 20 inches. Penny added that there are now lots of snappers being taken around local docks.

Over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo reported a catch of 14 flounder taken near the Lighthouse on blood worms for Michael Santis on Thurs. On Fri., George Gamble worked the CG Sta. area to the tune of 22 keeper fluke on squid/sand eel combos. John Conolly checked in to the shop on Saturday with 19 keepers. Striped bass continue to accomodate clam chummers. Ralph



Kevin Shepard decked this 5.15 lb. fluke aboard the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee" on July 3rd.

sampled the construiction dock area on Thurs. and put away 6 stripers, from 8 to 14 lbs. on bellies. Bluefish are in and out of the Inlet with early morning your best bet. Offshore action has been dead and even the Mud Hole tuna action has quieted down. Good snapper fishing now at the mouths of local canals and at Tanner Park. Plenty of crabs being taken by boatmen on the flats opposite Tanner Park.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Rose spoke of all the fluke you want with everyone catching on the last of the flood and first of the ebb. Quite a few small blues are mixed with the fluke on some days. Blowfish and sand porgies taking worms and squid in the Copiague Hole. Plenty of crabs and snappers making a showing at Tanner Park. Offshore action has been almost nonexistant this week. **Tin Man II** put 10 big blues in the box while chumming south of Patchogue on Sat.

Frank Pristera at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** emphasised the good fluke action with keepers outnumbering shorts by 2 or 3 to 1. Offshore fishing has been dull with just a few yellowfins reported near the Virginia. Mud Hole action dropped off at mid week. A reminder that hunting licenses went on sale at the store this week.

West End Report

with Stu Miller

Fluking continued solid this past week while bluefishing turned hot and cold for who knows what reason. Assortments of stripers, blues and weakfish have been taken inside. Flounders can still be caught in deeper, colder holes. Some shark reports have filtered in while giant and yellowfin tuna are causing plenty of excitement at Mud Hole West. BCC's have been a good item and there are snappers areound for the kids.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

In **Seaford, Lon Wanser's Bait & Tackle** spoke of the very good fluking during the week on killies and spearing, best at Squaw and from Big M to the CG Sta. Keeper ratios have been good with lots of good sized specimens. Some weaks and bass at the CG Sta. on swimming plugs, day and night. Good BCC's in traps locally.

We hear from Skip at **Old Harbour Marina** that a couple of weakfish were caught at 3-W Sat. Anglers have been bailing bay blues to 3 lbs. on diamond jigs from dawn to about 10 am at the main bridges. Fluking was very good till Thurs. he said with rentals averaging 8 to 10 keepers per boat. Best areas were Florance Beach to 4 Corners and buoy 13 to 8. Things slowed somewhat on the weekend with the boat traffic with rentals averaging 4 keepers and best action at Squaw, Haunts and Rowboat Alley. BCC's took a slide in size and numbers in the area and you had to work for them.

Over at **Causeway Tackle in Wantagh**, Mike felt that the fluking this past week was very good with boats averaging 5 - 20 keepers up to 3½ lbs., incoming best with strongest areas 2-W, Nike's Point, Jones Inlet, Long Creek, Broad Channel, and the State Channel at Gilgo. Ron and Ellie had 16 keepers in Merrick Bay. Rob hoisted 16 keepers out at Jones Inlet. Two to four lb. blues have been strong at 2-W on the ebb on small tins. Larger fish at 3-W taken on the bottom on cut bait. Weaks at the CG sta. on incoming Tues, Wed, and Thurs. to 15 lbs. 5 oz. on bunker or on yellow swimming plugs. Bluefish were fair to good at Cholera on bait and chum. Tuna have been very good at the Mud Hole at mid-week. These were big yellowfins 80 - 120 lbs. and giants 400 - 800 lbs. Glen Down bagged a 95 lb. YFT Wed. Some hammerheads and some big duskys at the Yankee Wreck area. Snappers growing in size and number at all the parks and there are sand porgies at the bridges on sand worms. 8 yr. old Andre Martone caught his first blue ever, a whopping 9 lber.

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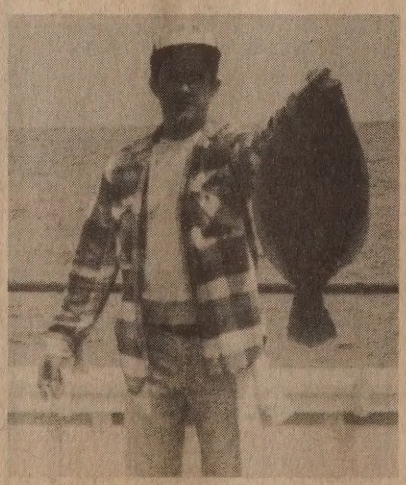

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Alvin Aponte and Robert Cruz with sea bass and ling caught during a May trip aboard the Point Lookout based, "Captain Al."

Jimmy at **Merrick Tackle, Bellmore** told of the blues being caught 4 miles west of the 3 Sister on bait and chum. Good fluking has been had in the back bays with the bonus of lots of bay blues inside to 3 lbs. Lots of BCC's off the docks and tuna at the Mud Hole with a few giants and small YFT's at the edges. Big bluefish at the offshore wrecks.

Out of **Freeport,** Capt. Richy Kessinger of the **Starstream II** called the weeks bluefishing erratic, hot and cold. All action has been at the Mud Hole area. All of the bluefish caught have been gaffers, 7 to 12 lbers. On Tues., a customer had the super bonus of a 79 lb. YFT and another customer during the week was well satisfied with a surprise 50 lb. FYT.

From **Lou's Fishing Sta.,** at the mouth of Woodcleft Canal we learned of the strong fluking this week in Jones Inlet, at West Bar, and along the beaches, particularly off Long Beach. Flounder catches have been fair in the "Holes" around Big M, but not too close to it where all you'll get are bergalls. On Sat. a 159 lb. hammerhead was weighed in for one angler. Bluefishing has been on and off says Lou and there's been some good sea bassing with fish to 3 lbs. on the inshore wrecks.

A call from Capt. Mike Barnett of the charter boat **Cod Father** told of Tues. trip for the Tom Kelly group bagging 2 YFT's in the 100 plus lb. category. They also had 8 run offs. Thurs. charter enjoyed 4 run offs, with 2 fish on for about 20 mins. each. Tuna action seems to be getting better every day. Mike says the boat will again be going to Montauk from Aug. 22 - Sept. 1 and he still has some choice dates available.

Donna at **DonArt Custom Rods** reports that Anthony Lutz while coming back from an unsuccessful tuna trip at the Mud Hole managed to bait and land an 85 lb. hammerhead shark which he is getting mounted.

Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** called the night bluefish trips erratic. He is changing his daytime target to fluke. He has been fluking for the last 5 days and found action decent to very good in local waters and Jones Inlet.

Capt. Jim of the **Super Spray II** told us

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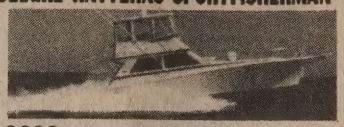

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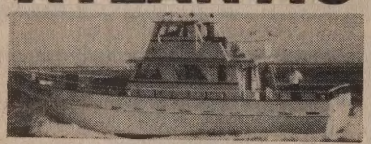

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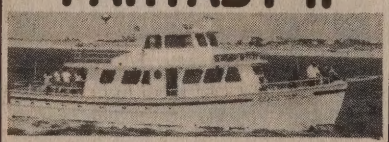

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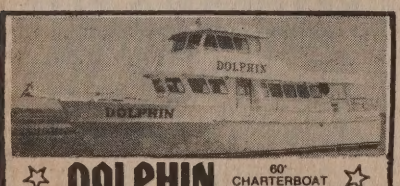

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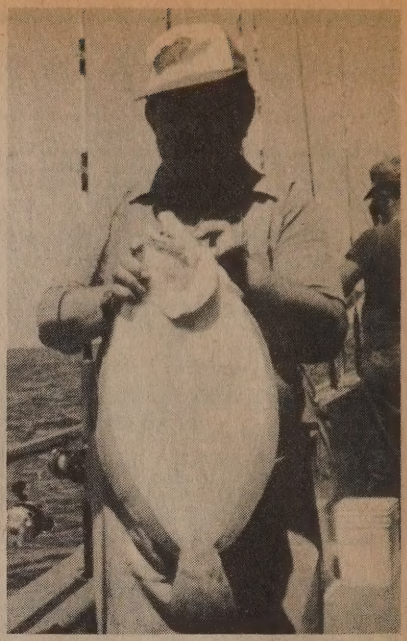

Murray Vernikoff decked this 9.2 lb. doormat fluke on a fluke strip while aboard the Sheepshead Bay based "Elsie K Princess."

that the fluke catches have been excellent all week long fishing mostly in Jones Inlet with most decent anglers taking 8 - 12 keepers. Night blues have been hot and cold said Jimmy.

A call from the charter boat **Fantasy II** told of the good fluking all week with the exception being Sun. morning, but picking up again in the afternoon. The boat had about a 60% Keeper ratio fishing Jones Inlet, best on incoming. Most fish have been nice size said Joe on sand eel/squid combos. Charters were sailed for USA Machinery, RVC, Criminal Court Officers, Manhattan, and Local 1 Otis Elevator.

We hear from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J IV** that the fluke trips he sailed this week were good but that most of the trips were for blues which were up and down through out the week both day and night. Fishing was erratic for the blue devils, said Pat. But those caught were good size, running 5 - 12 lbs. on bait. Trips this week were sailed for: Joe Cairo group, A. Best Contracting, Baking Indust. Executive club, 4th Precinct NCPD, Citibank, NY, Olympia Plumbing and heating, BB&M Arcitects, NYC.

A call from the charter boat **Capt. Jim** spoke of Thurs. decent pick of blues for VFW Post 2946. Slower bluefish action was had on the weekend trips for UPS, and Knight Elevator Corp.

The guys from Riker's Island did it again, for the second year in a row. On June 30th, C.O.'s Grogan, Navarro, Cardena, Welsh, Velsor and Trojan brought in a 205 lb. mako shark aboard Capt. Mike Miller's **Apus III**, with Al Trojan doing the honors. It took close to an hour to land what turned out to be a mighty nasty fish, the largest mako landed thus far out of Freeport this season. On still another outing on Capt. Miller's **Apus III** on July

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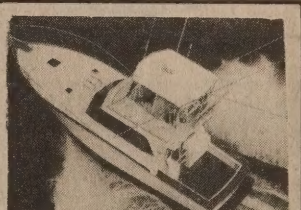

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18th, C.O. Velsor lost what appeared to be a mako in the 300 lb. range, after the fish took a livelined bluefish to reel's Max and left only the head of the 10 lb. bait.

The Capt. Lou fleet has been having excellent fluking all week on both boats with high hooks in the teens, fish to 4½ lbs. Please note the boats new schedule with the **CL V** fluking two half trips daily and the **CL VI** sailing full day fluke every day. See ad for details.

Over at **Sea Isle Sports**, JR who fished in the Capt. Bill's Tournament this weekend told of 2 marlin taken of 500 and 600 lbs. approx. in the tournament off the Dip. Stripers continue strong inside at the bridges on bellies, bunker or plugs. Fluking has remined very good in back, with best results now on bucktails in the shoals. Mako shark sees to be building says JR as he is hearing more and more reports of 100 - 200 lb. makos being caught.

Over in Pt. Lookout, Capt. Walt of the **Miss Pt. Lookout II** says this weeks fluking ran from fair to very good. Mon. AM trip was the best of the week with approx. 125 keepers hoisted. Tony and Pat Valani had 15, Jerry Regerio 8 keepers including a 4½ lb. pool fish, Bill Carberry Jr. and Sr. 14, Steve McKinley 11, Steve Labrudo 14, Frank and Jim Finnigan 7, Chris Albachera of Tulsa, OK 6, Rich Schaefer and son 7, Dennis and Jerry 14 to 4 lbs., Mike Marino 12, George Grassman 5, Loretta 9 and Mike Hoffman 5 to 3½ lbs. Night blues were called very good except for Thurs. night, which was slow. Even Fri. night saw good catches for those who stayed at the rail. On Sat. 15 fairs had over 200 blues with action at the Mud Hole on fish 6 - 14 lbs.

We've been having great catches on the wrecks said skipper Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al**. We have been getting a lot of these sea bass and on Thurs. 10 cod fish were also taken. Al's grandson bagged a 12 lb. blue. Due to huge customer turnout and the storm of phone calls, Al says he is expanding the special sea bass trips to Mon. and Thurs. The day and night bluefishing turned hot and cold this week with and example being a super Sat. and a poor Sun. There is light crowd and

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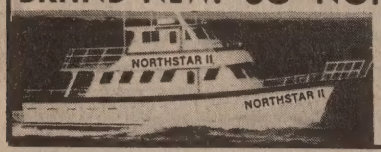

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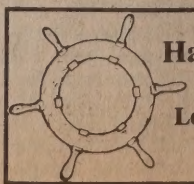

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Greg Tain shows the 8 lb. blackfish he took at 17 Fathoms on 5-1-88 while aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat, "Pilot II."

plenty of room for bluefishing. Ther have been a lot of solar storms recently effecting the tides and currants which may be causing the erratic bluefish behavior, which changes from hour to hour. Even so, there are a lot of bluefish around.

Capt. Steve of the **Night Hawk** called the fluking excellent during the week in Reynolds, Garrets Lead and east of the RR Tressel. AM trips have been a little better on spearing and fluke belly on incoming. Joe Festa had 11 keepers, Larry Edelman 7, Sam Morton 8, Andy from Woodhaven 8, Scotty Valler 13, Rosevelt Rogers 12, Gunther Kodlia 8, and Jack Kennedy 7. Walt says he expects Aug. to remain great.

Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** said the fluking has been very good all week with catches of 75 to 125 keepers a trip. Bill Fleming, Jason Strobel, and Chris Rosazk had 27 keepers to 3 lbs. fishing Reynolds to the ABB.

We learn from Dawn at **Scotty's Fishing Sta.** that Ellio Reyes fishing live killies had 8 keepers to 3 lbs. fishing the B1 buoy. Pete Doheny and Scott Cunningham managed 22 keepers on Squid/Killie combos, fish to 3 plus lbs. in Reynolds and Jones. Flounder are still being caught off the CG Sta. and in general the Reynolds fluking has been very good.

Over at **Ed's Fishing Sta.** we heard more of the good fluke action. 3 members of the McMullan Family (Son, dad, and gramps) hoisted 17 keepers in 3 hrs. on the flood anchored at marker 17 in Reynolds using killies and spearing. Bill and Glen and Sal were happy with 35 keepers taken on incoming anchored in the flats on killies, spearing and squid. Joe Gullo bagged stripers of 25 and 22 lbs. fishing west end using a rigged eel for one fish and a popper for the other, all under the stars. Fluking has been really good with an average of 10 keepers per person, and there have also been lots of bass around.

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook**, says that the fluke seem, to have tapered off in Reynolds channel, keeper wise, but the numbers have been good. He knew of tuna action being strong at the Mud Hole. Excellent BCC action in Oceanside, Island Park, Woodmere, Hewlett, and Bay Park. Snappers

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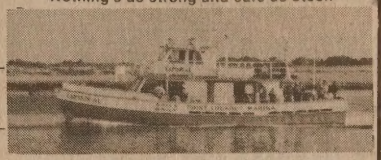

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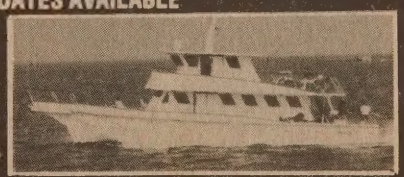

small but providing some thrills, said Charlies. Stripers have been a good item at the main local bridges on bellies or bunker. Weakfish are hitting sand worms off the jetties on the west side of Jones Inlet at night, said Charlie.

Mark at **Bay Park Fishing Sta. in Oceanside**, termed the fluking good in Debs and at Duck Pt. Small blues outside of the Inlet with larger fish being chummed a little south of Cholera and in the Yankee Wreck area. Giants still being caught this week at Mud Hole west. On Country Boy, Mark, Sy and Joey bagged a 685 lb. BFT. Seduction had a 150 lb. YFT at the Mud Hole. There are plenty of crabs in the bay and small snappers are starting.

Harold of **Got Hooked Tackle** did it again at Fl Inlet this week taking 24 keeper fluke with only 4 throwbacks. Largest was a 5¼ lber. followed by 4 fluke over 3 lbs. and he said the water was nice and clean.

Members of the Sudor party show some of the mackerel they caught on a 5-1-88 trip aboard the Freeport charter boat, "Dry Look II."

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Steve at **Crossbay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach**, told of the 57½ lb. cobia caught by Butch Lynch under tyhe marine parkway bridge on a butterfish on a flooding tide. Fernendo Osuna had a 2¾ lb. fluke on outgoing on squid and sand eels. Lots of sand porgies and BCC's with a start up of snappers. Good fluking in general with about a 50% keeeper ratio.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay** Capt. Butch of the **Zepher V** said fluking was very good all week at West Bank, Old Orchard and Ambrose Channel. Catches averaged 10 - 18 keepers a man with a lot of throw backs too. On some trips all fishe were keepers, to 4½ lbs. All you need is bait on the hook and a wind to drift. Butch says it's been a tgood Aug. and there are

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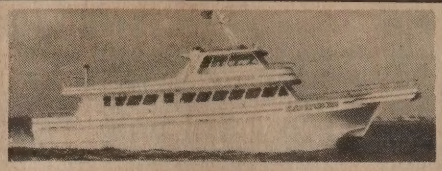

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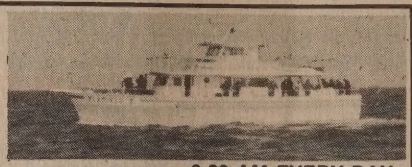

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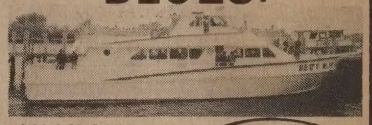

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still plenty of fish in the back, so nows the time to stock up on some good meals. Night blues have been hot and cold from Rockaway to the Jersey shore. However a catch is put together every trip and Butch says he has enough speed to get to the fish no matter where they are. They've been running 2 - 15 lbs.

We hear from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W IV** of good solid bluefishing Wed. through Sat. but with Sun being off. Action has been mainly on bait on all big fish 5 - 14 lbs. Areas fished have been the Slew and the Mud Hole. and 9 out of 10 night trips have been great.

From **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet, the crew there told of the good fluking going on and the night bluefishing having the edge over the day trips. We were also told of some small porgies and sea bass being caught. Stripers have been a good item on bait and bplugs in the Manhattan beach area.

A call from the **Big Holiday** told of Thurs trip with 5 passengers hooking and landing 6 YFT in the 70 - 90 lb class. On Sun. there was a late bite with 3 men hooking but dropping 5 big tuna, all at the Mud Hole. On Wed. trip they had 25 bonita. The breakoffs have been caused

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North Shore Report

with Tom Schlichter

Bluefishing is red-hot throughout most of Long Island Sound with big choppers to 18 lbs. now beginning to blitz the harbors and smaller fish of 2 - 10 lbs. inhaling jigs from the west end to Orient Point. Stripers mixed in with the blues to the east are adding a little extra spice. Porgies are gathering strength most places with the fishing better as one heads east. Fluke are running from shorts to doormats but they seem to be hitting in isolated areas.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack at **Jack's Bait & Tackle, City Island**, reports bluefishing very good around Throg's Neck Bridge and Execution Light. The big choppers here are taking bunker chunks, live bunker, jigs or trolled umbrellas. Morning and evening have seen the best scores with blues to 18 lbs. reported. Porgy fishing has been on and off, probably because the blues have them scared. Most scup taken locally have been in the 1/2 lb. class with both blood and sandworms scoring.

On the party boat **Apache, City Island**, Capt. Dom informs us his patrons are seeing fair porgie fishing, but nothing outstanding. Fares are using worm and clam baits and everybody goes home with something. Most catches consist of 12 - 20 medium sized porgies plus a blackfish or two.

The **New Rochelle** based open boat **Klondike VIII** has been bluefishing off Stratford, Conn. Fishing has ranged from picky to excellent, depending on the day one sails. Most of the blues being taken now are in the 6 - 7 lbs. class with the pool winner pushing 12 lbsa. All the blues are falling for jigs.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

"Bluefishing has been incredible for those who are going out!" George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle, Huntington** told us late Sunday. The hotspots are inside Northport Bay and off Sand City. There, anglers are taking big choppers every morning. Bunker chunks and "periwinkle" lures, which the shop has in stock, are working the best on the 8 - 14 lb. fish. Action has been much better inside the harbors than outside in the sound. There

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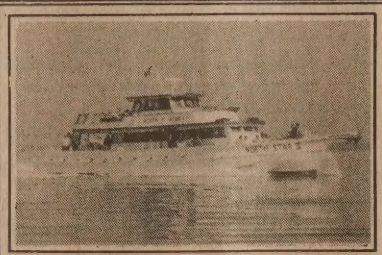
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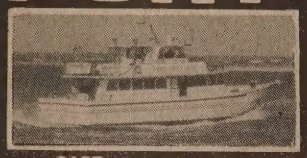

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are also a lot of decent fluke inside Northport Bay. This week saw several fish in excess of 5 lbs. weighed in, including a 9.2 lber. that was part of a catch made Sat. morning between buoys #4 and #6. Spearing and squid have taken most of the fluke with good scores also reported between the lighthouse and LLoyd's Point.

At **Bowman's Sporting Goods, Northport**, Tom informed us that Rocky Rafaniello and his dad Angelo ran into a mess of big bluefish immediately after launching from the LILCO boat ramp. Seeing bunker not a hundred yards from the ramp, they began snagging and live-lining choppers to 14 lbs. Tom noted that such action was characteristic of this week's bluefishing. The big fish have been herding bait in the harbors each morning and evening, taking live or chunked bunker, tins or large poppers. Between the hours if 9:30 am a nd 6 pm, the fish head out to deeper water where rthey can be trolled ore igged at the Obstruction Buoy or off Eaton's Neck.

Fluke and porgies have been a little slow, with the former best in the old channel off of Cresent Beach and the later in 45' of water opposite the LILCO platform.

A call to Ralph at **Ralph's Fishing Station**, in **Mt. Siani**, revealed some decent fluking with scores of 10 - 15 keepers a day about ther average. Bluefish inside and just outside Mt. Siani Harbor have been a mystery, there one day, gone the next. Porgies are plentiful now in close by the rocks with most of the scup in the 1/2 - 1 lbs. class.

Bluefish have been the quarry on Bruce Cash's **Port Jefferson** based party boat **Prowler.** Bruce reports excellent fishing right through the week with catches of ten to fifteen blues a man the norm. The mostly 5 - 7 lbers. have been taken exclusively on jigs, with the waters just north of buoy 29 seeing the fastest action.

On the **Port Jeff Ace,** Capt. Roy Cash called the bottom fishing excellent from Wed. through the weekend. The boat is nbow bottom fishing for gorgies with high hooks usually filling a bucket. Most of the porgies right now are mediums and there are a smattering of seabass, fluke and blackfish mixed into the catch each day. The boat's evening bluefishing trips have been hit or miss, with some days seeing supera ction and the fish just hard to find at other times. Most of the evening blues have ranged between 2 - 8 lbs. They are being taken on Ava 47 jigs, usually at the middle grounds or slightly to the east.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** reported on a hectic week with big blues inside the harbors. Ira Kanarick, his son Glenn and friend Rich plugged 50 blues to 15 pounds and four bass to 15 pounds on one trip. Charlie Burke and friends totaled 60 blues to 17 pounds along with bass to 17 pounds. The fish averaged 12 to 14 pounds. On Sunday, Artie the Greek and friends enjoyed a wild blitz inside the harbor with 60 blues to 18 pounds being boated. The fish averaged 14 to 15 pounds and were left biting. They also

Hugh Chancey used a bunker chunk to take this 17.6 lb. striper from Lloyd Harbor back in June. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

had a 14 pound striper. John reminded he is now booking fall dates. See his ad for details.

John Peligrino of the Huntington charter boat **Noli-Eileen** also put his fares into some memorable action this week inside Northport Bay. On Sunday, Lou and Buddy Natale along with Mike, John and Chris boated over forty blues in less than two hours during a wild blitz. The fish ranged up to 14 pounds. Back on Wednesday, the Howard Blaine put away a dozen blues and half-dozen fluke. Tuesday saw Fred and Pete Capatelli and their friend Tony take 30 blues from 9 to 13 pounds and 8 fluke.

Lorry Mangan joined Guy Maio and Nick "Bluefish Slugger" Horvath on Guy's spanking new Steiger Craft. The trio loaded up on cocktail size blues, all jigged at Buoy 9. Larger fish, but fewer, were located in deep water in mid-sound. It must be noted that the water was crystal clear and very clean.

NORTH FORK

At **Warren's Bait & Tackle, Aquabogue**, anglers are scoring well with Mattituck porgies and blues according to Warren. Choppers ti 14 lbs. habe been culled from smaller fish at Horton's Point and mixed in habe been a fair number of small striped bass. Best action has been during the day with jigs. Fluke fishing in the Sound has been a little on the slow side. A few weakfish to 6 lbs. have been culled by the porgy fleet.

Over in Shinnecock Bay, Joe Detro had a solid day of fluking, taking 19 keepers on sandeels and squid combos.

A call to **Capt. Marty's Fishing Sta., Southold**, revealed scattered schools of porgies and small weaks roving Peconic Bay. School blues are available too, but the fishing hasn't been fast paced. Best scores are coming from the South Race, Nassau Point and buoy 22.

On the **Capt. Bob II, Mattituck**, Capt. Bob Ceglowski termed the porgie fising excellent this past week. The boat, which sails open Tues. through Thurs. and as a charter on the weekends, has been averaging 20 - 50 porgies per man, mostly mediums. Scup have been taken both of local grounds and off Faulkner's Island, Conn. Bluefish habe been "outrageous" except for Sat. when high winds made the fishing tough. All the blues, which ranged up to 10 lbs., are falling for jigs worked east of Mattituck Inlet. As added spice, the boat is averaging seven to ten striped bass a night. Sat. night saw 14 bass takdn, two of which were keepers.

At **Peterson's Mattituck Inlet Fishing Sta.,** Ron Peterson confirmed the fast porgie fishing adding that his customers are finding 1/2 - 1.25 lbs. fish "all over the place." Cooper's Rock to the west of the inlet has been one of the better areas, but porgies are to the east as well. Bluefish seem to be just as plentiful as the porgies these days, choppers falling for butterfish baits or jigs.

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Jim Rice shows the 6½ lb. fluke he landed on Frank Riccio's Santa Rose near Horton's Point.

Truman's Beach is still giving up some nice stripers. David Vukas fished ther last Sat. night and connected at 12:30 pm with a lindsider of 25.5 lbs. A bunker chunk did in the bass. Fluke fishing, too, has been good late. Thurs. saw Elese Poucell of West Islaip on the private boat "Lucky Wolf" take a 11.8 lb. doormat. The big flatfish struck a spearing and squid combo east of the Ruins and was part of a catch that included two other fish over 4 lbs. Porgies are still hit or miss but snappers are in solid at the local docks.

Capt. Dave Brennan of the **Greenport** party boat **Peconic Star** called thr porgie action "Decent" with some black-back flounder mixed into the catches some days. Sun was an excellent porgie day with high hooks in the 50's. Most of the fish have been mediums with skimmer clam the usual offering. The boat has been working north of Plum Island and up to the north. Just a re-minder, the **Peconic Star** is now sailing from Sterling Dock. If you need directions, give Capt. Dave an evening call at 1516-289-6899.

Those Orient Point fluke have awa-kened Capt. Larry Ciccotto of the **Orient** based party **Prime Time III** informed us. On Fri., with a light crowd on board, 200 fish were hauled over the rail with anglers culling about 50 keepers. Sat. saw a repeat performance. On Sun., Larry worked the waters around Gardiner's Island, taking six fluke over 5 lbs., and averaging four or five fluke plus a few nice seabass per man.

Sunday's pool went to Stan Kulawas whose 7 lber. edged out a 6 lb. fluke nailed by Peter Catti, and a pair of 5.5 lbers. taken by Jeff and Brian of Orient. Larry himself got in on the action, decking a 4 lb. seabass. On Sat., evening the **Prime Time III** also tangled with some 4 - 8 lb. blues, finishing up with over sixty fish on a four hour afternoon trip. If you like pandemonium, Larry says you'll love this bluefish action, so - come on out.

Surf Report

with Fred Golofaro

Surf fishing appears to be slipping off into the doldrums as angler effort has diminished considerably in recent weeks. Still, for those putting in the time there have been some shots at fish at scattered locations.

Here's how thing shaped up after this weeks round of phone calls.

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch spoke of a quiet week with the exception of some good flurries with small blues on the inlet jetties. The jetty at the end of West Lake Drive attracted most of the action during the week, but by this Monday morning, the East Lake jetty had enjoyed a flurry of blues. The only bass of the weekend

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:55	8:05	8:45	9:05	8:45	8:45	9:30	9:40	—	12:05	11:20	11:35	7:40	8:00	8/11
FRI.	8:35	8:40	9:20	9:40	9:15	9:25	10:10	10:20	12:15	12:35	—	12:05	8:20	8:40	8/12
SAT.	9:10	9:20	10:00	10:15	9:55	10:00	10:45	10:50	12:45	1:05	12:15	12:35	9:00	9:15	8/13
SUN.	9:45	9:50	10:30	10:45	10:30	10:35	11:20	11:30	1:10	1:25	12:50	1:05	9:40	9:55	8/14
MON.	10:20	10:25	11:10	11:20	11:05	11:05	11:55	—	1:30	1:40	1:20	1:45	10:15	10:30	8/15
TUES.	11:00	10:55	11:40	—	11:40	11:35	12:05	12:30	1:50	2:05	1:55	2:20	10:55	11:05	8/16
WED.	11:35	11:35	12:05	12:20	—	12:10	12:45	1:10	2:25	2:40	2:35	2:55	11:35	11:45	8/17
THURS.	—	12:10	12:35	1:00	12:05	12:45	1:25	1:55	3:00	3:20	3:10	3:35	—	12:20	8/18

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/11	6:04	8:05
FRI. 8/12	6:05	8:04
SAT. 8/13	6:06	8:03
SUN. 8/14	6:07	8:02
MON. 8/15	6:08	8:01
TUE. 8/16	6:09	8:00
WED. 8/17	6:10	7:59

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/11	4:50AM	7:50PM
FRI. 8/12	5:55AM	8:10PM
SAT. 8/13	6:55AM	8:35PM
SUN. 8/14	7:55AM	8:50PM
MON. 8/15	8:55AM	9:10PM
TUE. 8/16	9:55AM	9:30PM
WED. 8/17	11:00AM	9:50PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/12	8/20	8/27	9/3

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THU.	4:50	10:55	5:05	11:20
FRI.	5:35	11:35	5:45	11:55
SAT.	6:15	—	6:35	12:25
SUN.	6:55	12:40	7:20	1:05
MON.	7:40	1:30	8:05	1:50
TUES.	8:20	2:10	8:45	2:30
WED.	8:55	2:45	9:25	3:10
THU.	9:50	3:40	10:15	4:00

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involved a fish in the mid thirties caught and released by sharpie Joe Bragan.

From Harvey Bennett at **The Tackle Shop** in **Amagansett** we learn that Jeff Yusko caught a pile of cocktail blues at Hither Hills State Park. Alll were taken on popping plugs. Tommy Matt nailed a 21 pound striper on Wednesday near Hither Hills. It was also taken on a popping plug.

Over at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue,** Paul Graniello reported that Bob Antici of the shop worked Shinnecock Inlet, Wednesday morning and took a bunch of school bass and small blues on poppers. Small blues have been in and out at Shinnecock, while the Moriches beaches have been dead.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sport Center** in **Oakdale** had a couple of reports concerning first time surf casters. On Wednesday night, Leonard Lomangino beached his first fish from the surf: a six pound blue at the Cedar Bar. Friday night, fifteen year old Matthew Klein put his first fish on the beach. It was a blue weighing 7½ pounds taken on a bunker chunk at Cedar. Sal Pantaleone put a least a half dozen blues on the beach Wednesday evening at Cedar Beach. All were taken on bunker chunks.

According to Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle,** Joe Kelly checked in with four big blues to fourteen pounds taken on bait at the Cedar Bar, one night late in the week.

Bobby Turturello at **Causeway Tackle** in **Wantagh** reported a good showing of weakfish near the Short Beach Coast Guard Station, on 4½" and 5½" Redfins and Bombers. Fish are being taken at daybreak and sunset with a few picked during the night. Lots of school bass falling to sandworms on night tides along the ocean front at fields #6 and west end #2 Jones Beach.

From **Edelmans** in **Farmindale,** Frank Pristera got his first taste of surf fishing in quiet a few years. A sweet taste it was. After Frank Jr. returned from Fire Island Inlet with six weakfish on Sunday morning, Frank Sr. joined his son on Monday morning. The pair beached 7 weaks, the largest a 13 pound tiderunner taken by Frank Jr. A-17 jigs with tubes turned the trick. Frank added that there were also school bass mixed in with the yellowfins.

The only North Shore news I was able to confirm was a report from a reliable source concerning lots of big blues riding herd on bunker in Mount Sinai Harbor. Saturday evening and Saturday night were hot and the fish were also there the prior evening.

Freshwater Report

with Tom Schlichter

Both the fish and fishermen seemed to habe wilted under the oppressive heat

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and humidity of recent days, making bonafide freshwater reports a little harder to come by. Most of our regular sources report virtually all freshwater action regulated to dusk, dawn or after dark hours. Still, the fish do have to feed and a few anglers did find bass and panfish cooperative. Here's a rundown of the action we uncovered.

At **Beckman's Bait & Tackle, Lynbrook**, Bill Beckman reports a few bass and panfish caught locally but nothing to get excited about. Bullheads to 1.35 lbs. at Tanglewood Preserve, on night crawlers or Berkly catfish bait, are a better bet. It's been so hot lately that Bill noted many of his trout regulars who work the Connetquot and Nissequogue Rivers have been stopping by to purchase hip boots - waders are just too uncomfortable when the weather gets so muggy. These anglers report that while the fishing is now a little picky, it's still pretty good considering the weather lately.

At **Causeway Bait & Tackle, Wantagh**, Bob Turturello informs us that his customers are still scoring with largemouths on live killies fished at the front of Mill Pond. Best action has been at night. Over in the Twin Lakes, perch and panfish are taking worms while a small bass or pickerel can be culled if you can manage to fish through the thick weeds.

Down the road at **Garan's Tackle Shop, Merrick**, anglers report bass fishing has slacked off a bit at Massapequa Reservoir but crappie fishing there is still good on live killies. Joe Eichholz had some of the papermouths on Thurs., along with some small bass and pickerel all taken on live killies or spinnnerbaits. Most of the bass fishing in the Wantagh Lakes has been regulated to the late evening. Joe Dougher had twelve to 4 lb.s on jointed Rebels during the week. Garan's is planning to hold some fly-tying classes starting next week, if you're interested, give a call at 516-378-9251.

From Fred Laager at **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in **Centereach** , we learned that Keith Janet used a Cordel "Walking Stick" to nail a 4 lb. 10 oz. largemouth while working the upper Peconic River late on Friday. Over at the Smithtown Mill Pond, Billy Clarke tangled with eight bass to 2.5 lbs over the weekend, most of which struck a small, green "Hula-Hopper."

On Lake Ronkonkoma, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters, Ronkonkoma**, tells us that anglers are having a hard time finding any decent fish. "The water is warmer than bath water right now.." He lamented. Those bass that are feeding seem to be doing so only at daybreak or after dark. A few have ranged to 3 lbs. but the vast majority are in the 10" - 12" calss. Bassmasters will be hosting their yearly "Children's Fishing Clinic" at Lake Ronkonkoma on August 21st. Children under 14 yrs. of age are elligible so long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. I've been at the clinic each of the past three years and can tell you that the kids really do have a great time. There is plenty of supervision and help available for those who are just getting started in the fishing game. For morr information, stop by the shop or contact Bill McGivney at 516-467-0871.

Larry Hoffman and Steve Wolf shared a productive day fishing at Swan Lake in Manorville, according to the crew at **Islander Bait and Canbas, Oakdale.** Together, these two anglers combined for twenty-seven largemouth bass to 3 lbs. Fire tail plastic worms were the hot ticket.

A call to Phil Briggs at **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, revealed that Joe Squicciarini and his "Grey Ghost" pattern flies have once again separated a big brown from the wates of the Connetquot River. Fishing inside the park at site #16, Joe duped a brownie which measured 24" and was estimated at 6.5 lbs. Other anglers also had decent trout action inside the park this week with a fair number of small to medium rainbows and browns falling for midges. Although it is not as widely practiced as fly fishing for trout, using th elong wand for bass can also be productive, especially during the heat of summer when the bucketmouths can become rather finicky. Glenn Siriuco realized this and so set our to Brookwood Hall Lake in Islip armed with a set of bass bugs last Sun. eening. He was rewarded for his efforts by a 17", 3.25 lb. large-mouth. A few small bass were also caught and released in Cutting's Pond over the weekend, along with some panfish.

Bobby at **J&J Bait & Tackle. Patchogue**, reports that his favorite bass water, Patchogue Lake, is now choked with mid-summer weeds and almost impossible to fish properly. There is, however, some good action with pickerel taking place at Cannan Lake. On Tues., Chris Ivory and his son Brendan, along with Brian Adams and Tony Cola fished there, connecting with three pickerel to 3 lbs. on jointed Rebels and live killies. Further east, at Laurel Lake in Southold, Eric and Brian Reichel teamed up to catch and release twenty largemouth bass to 3.5 lbs. Nightcrawlers and live killies did the trick for this pair.

It was a pretty good week on the Peconic River reports Mrs. Devlin at the **Fisherman's Deli in Riverhead**. Anglers checked in a few nice bas and pickerel while panfishermen spoke of very good action early and lagte in the day. A few catfish have been mixed with in with the perch and sunnies. Ralph Young of Rosedale used live bait to dupe a 4.7 lb. bass over the weekend. On Fri., Walter Budd, Jr., of the East End Surf Club stopped by to weigh in a 4.25 lb. Peconic bigmouth bested on 6 lb. class spinning gear and a "Tiny We'r" Rebel lure.

Out at the **Tackle Shop in Amagansett,** Harvey Bennet informs us that those hybrid striped bass are still on the prowl in Fort Pond, Montauk. This week saw Bobby Kolp and John Lemmon nail fish to 6.5 lbs. while fishing from boats. Shorebound anglers are mixing it up with smaller hybrids and smallmouths to 13". Bluegills and perch are also feeding along the shore. Largemouth bass action on this lake has been slow of late, but Fresh Pond inside Hither Hills State Park has given up some fish in the 1-3 lb. range.

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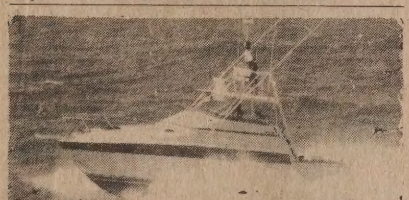

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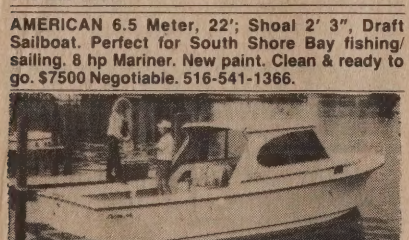

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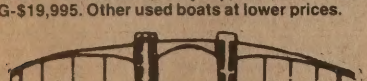

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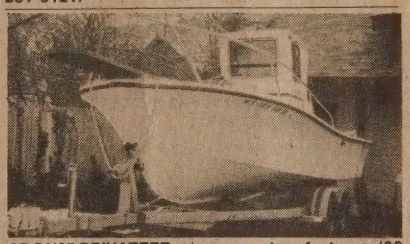

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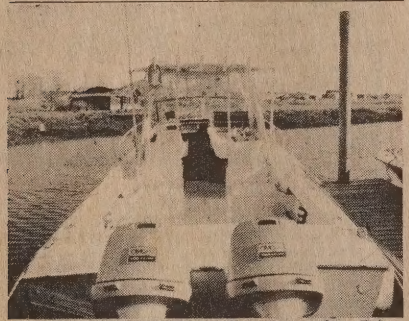

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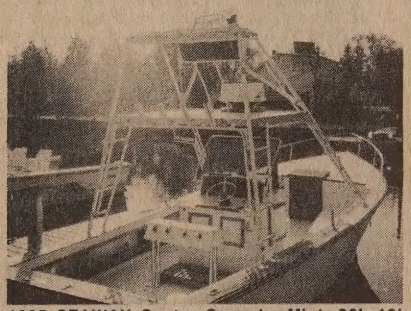

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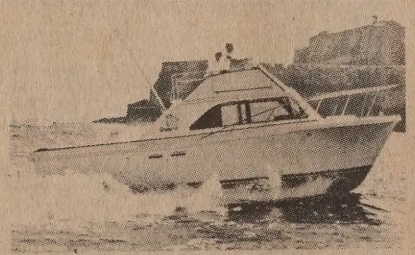

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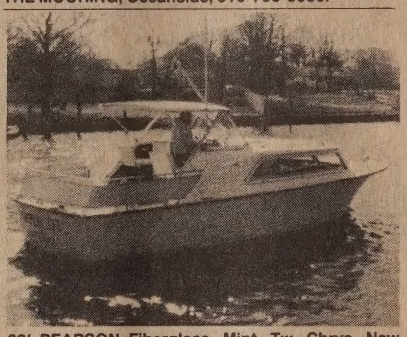

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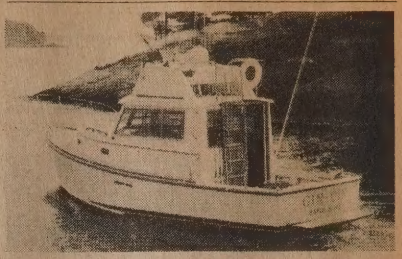

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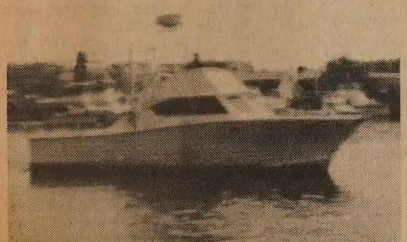

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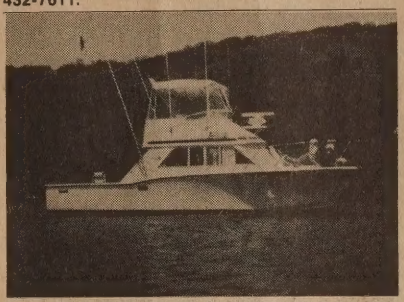

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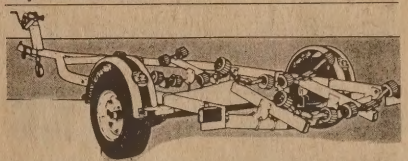

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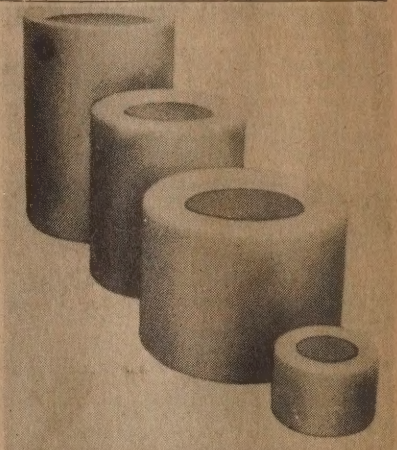

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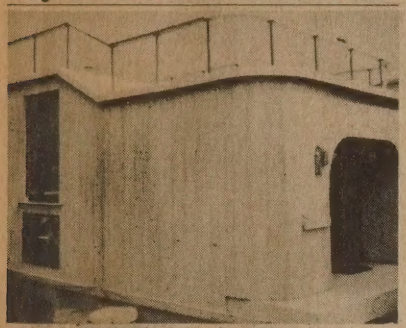

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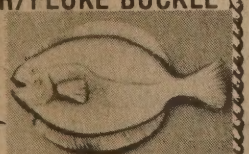

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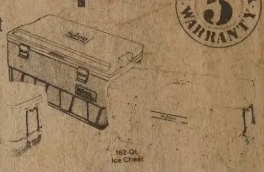

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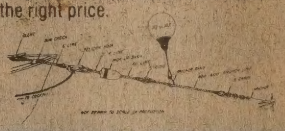

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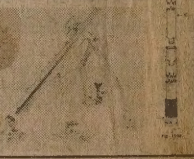

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